http://www.rossica.org/RVG/_pdf/Carpatho-Ukraine/Carpatho-Ukraine%201944-1945.pdf

Carpatho-Ukraine 1944-1945

Carpatho-Ukraine. The country that only issued one stamp, right? **Not exactly !**

March 15, 1939

Wooden church at Jasiňa

Plate no 1

From 1919 to 1939, Carpatho-Ukraine (C-U) was the easternmost province of Czechoslovakia. In November of 1938, Hungary was awarded a strip of territory in southern C-U (and Slovakia). This necessitated the move of the C-U government from Užhorod to Chust.

C-U declared its independence on the evening of March 14, and the next morning stocks of the 3K blue stamp were released from storage and sold at the Chust post office. However, Hungarian troops had already crossed the border, and within a few hours the Chust post office had been occupied.

Following the conquest of C-U by the Red Army in late Oct.1944, the Czechoslovak Government-in-Exile established itself in Chust and issued over **40 stamps**. This body relocated to Košice, Slovakia in Jan. 1945, leaving a power vacuum in C-U

This vacuum was filled by the communist-dominated **NRZU** (National Council of Carpatho-Ukraine), which between Feb. and Aug. 1945 in Užhorod issued about **110 major varieties** of stamps, plus numerous types, subtypes and unissued stamps. This little known but highly challenging collecting field is the subject of this exhibit.

Most of the territory of C-U was ceded to **Soviet Ukraine** on November 15, 1945.

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8. Third Definitive Issue
9. NRZU Postal Stationery
10. Soviet Ukraine

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Items of exceptional interest are described in red.

1. Liberation Postmarks

Chust

"Pošta Osvobozeného Území" = "Post of the Liberated Territory"

Used on unoverprinted Hungarian stamps for 3 days only

Nov. 8, 1944

Nov. 13, 1944

Nov. 14, 1944

Court cover with 13.XI.1944 Liberation Postmark, to Užhorod

Illustrated in Reference 1

"Republic of Czechoslovakia" / "Post of the Liberated Territory"

Nov. 12, 1944, Teresva to Chust

2. Local Issues

Dec. 4, 1944

ČSP

• 1944 •

1943 Portraits & Crown Issue

2,954

1,912

106

2,879

589

276

4,442

3,380

877

1,613

2,597

252

3.008

289

50

418

Varieties

Inverted 250

Full Tab

Printing Date

1942 Admiral Horthy Issue
(Watermarked **X** – Crown over wreath)

37

19

1943 Christmas Issue (unissued)

50

1944 St. Margaret Issue

517

1944 Lajos Kossuth Issue

678

675

165

1944 Famous Women Issue

636

89

1,267

176

739

327

1941-44 Postage Due Issue
(Watermarked **X** – Crown over wreath)

270

160

320

69

215

102

64

60

242

242

The Chust local issue was sold at the post offices of Chust, Sevluš, Ťačovo, Teresva, Rachov and Volove. The stamps were valid through March 15, 1945.

Overweight / oversized court letter

KÖZIGAZGATÁSI KIRENDELTSÉG HUSZT.

51/XII-44

1944

Хустскій судъ

Уважаемое Дело

Hivatalból
dij átalányozva.

RÁKÓCZI-NYOMDA, HUSZT

Хусту

Chust, Local letter, Dec. 18, 1944

Addressed to Regional Court in Chust, endorsed
"Official business" at lower left (both in Russian!)

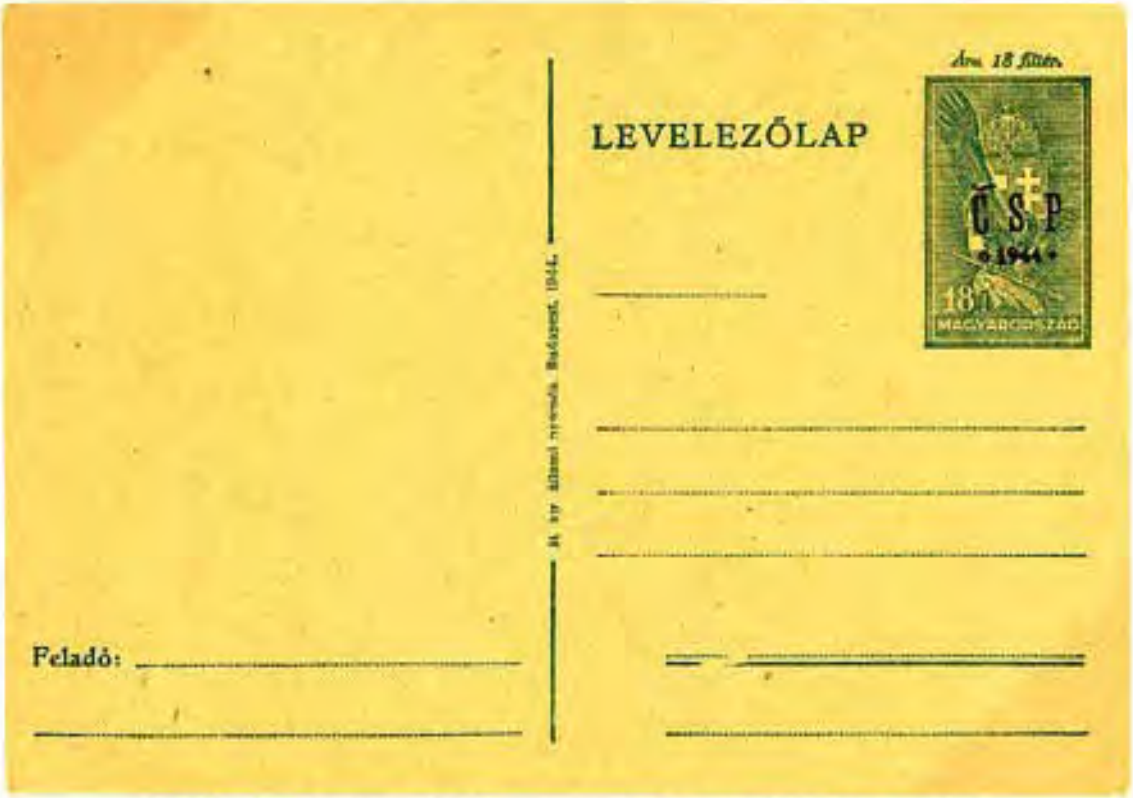
Bilingual postmark with Hungarian text removed and replaced with "**Č S R**"

Ministry of Posts cover with hand made postmark

Chust (undated), overprinted 8f (4,442 issued) and 24f (252 issued) stamps

Fieldpost card with favor-cancelled local stamp

Volove (undated), overprinted 4f Kossuth stamp (678 issued)



16,000 printed; about 15,000 were used for later NRZU overprints

244 issued

Dec. 1 – 4, 1944

ČSR

1941 Churches Issue

85 60 60 100 50

1941 Count Széchenyi Issue

60 155

55 35 45

1942 Admiral Horthy Issue

50 100 50

1943 Portraits & Crown Issue

1,540

116

55

460

150

200

840

920

50

2,200

160

200

2,100

100

60

280

77

32

1944 Lajos Kossuth Issue

205

150

180

60

1944 Red Cross Issue

50

50

50

50

1944 St. Margaret Issue

420

1944 Famous Women Issue

120

Typical use of undated mute postmark with handstamped **MUKAČEVO** and date

Dec. 9, 1944 – Mukačevo local letter

The Mukačevo local issue was valid through Jan. 16, 1945.

1933 16 fillér view cards

Sold at post office with additional 8 fillér stamp affixed.

Dec. 6, 1944

View of Kloster Tihany

Dec. 6, 1944

View of Lillafüred

20 copies issued

Both cards sent to the nearby village of Medvědovce

1944 18 fillér postal card

Dec. 5, 1944 – to the nearby village of Medvědovce, censored

1944 International COD Card

Marhalevél.

(Csak három évesnél idősebb lóra használható.)

A tulajdonos neve és lakóhelye

Az állat

különös ismertető jelei és jegyei

Vármegye:

Sorszám:

D 087.013

ČSR PENGŐ

tranyítás

A tulajdonjog igazolása

Megjegyzések

Hatósági nyilvántartás

19....

19....

19....

19....

19....

19....

19....

A marhalevél ki... megújításának,

1942 Veterinary Certificate

T 844.611

regszámú csomag szállítólevelérő

BZELVÉNY

T 844.611

Jelzők, ragjegyek helye:

A felvevő hivatal keletbélyegzője

ČSR 10

A raktárkönyv folyószáma:

Bármentesítési díja

..... P ..... f

A bélyegek (érték-jegylenyomatok) helye

A feladó neve és lakása:

POSTAI SZÁLLÍTÓLEVÉL BELFÖLDI CSOMAGHOZ

(A MEGTAGON ISMERTETETT RENDELTETÉSI HELYRE A FELADÓ TÖLTI KI!)

Nyilvánított érték: P f, azaz:

A csomagolás módja:

Tartalom:

Cím: (A címirat másolatát helyezze el a

A felvevő hivatal keletbélyegzője

A kézbesítéskor fizetett összeg:

..... P ..... f

Rendeltetési hely:

A csomag súlya: kg g

Utca, házszám:

A kézbesítéskor fizetendő portó és egyéb díjak:

Portó ..... P .....

..... P .....

..... P .....

Ára 11 fillér.

1944 Domestic Package Card

T 844.611

FELADÓVEVÉNY

T 844.611

P f értékű regszámú csomagról.

A felvevő hivatal keletbélyegzője:

Cím:

Rendeltetési hely:

A csomag súlya ..... kg ..... g

Bármentesítési díj ..... P ..... f

A felvevő alkalmazott aláírása:

3. NRZU Postal System

The **NRZU** (Narodna Rada Zakaroatskoi Ukrainy), or National Council of Carpatho-Ukraine, evolved in early 1945 from a network of local political organizations. Its avowed goal was unification with the Ukrainian motherland. Eventually, the Soviet military authorities entrusted the civil administration of Carpatho-Ukraine to the NRZU. This autonomy extended to postal matters.

The NRZU distributed (undated) postmarks of the following type to about 90 post offices.

Veliký Bičkiv

Hungarian court envelopes used for NRZU correspondence.

1. Tarnovce, 9.VIII.45
2. Seredné, undated

Many covers passed through the postal system without a postmark date. The previous page shows such an example, as well as another example with a manuscript date. Dates were also supplied by various handstamps.

Užhorod

used the bridge from an old postmark, with the date order modified from the Hungarian style (yy.mm.dd) to the normal dd.mm.yy

15 V.45 11

Užhorod to Berehovo, Sept. 29, 1945

Several towns used handstamped dates

Veliký Berezný local letter, July 21, 1945

Non-NRZU Postmarks

Chust

Altered bilingual Hungarian postmark

Aug. (?) 7, 1945

Hungarian name (HUSZT) removed from upper arc

Manuscript postmarks

Mar. 15, 1945

Teresva

June 26, 1945 – Siltse to Iršava
Illustrated in Reference 2

NRZU Postal Rates

NRZU Correspondence	10 fillér		Local Letter	40 fillér
Court Letters	20 "		Domestic Letter	60 "
Printed Matter	40 "		Foreign Post Card	1 Pengö
Post Card	40 "		Foreign Letter	2 "
Registration Fee 1.40 Pengö				

Domestic and international mail was censored at Užhorod, using a two line handstamp "**Carpatho Ukraine / Examined by Censor**". A handwritten censor number was normally inserted in the box

1. **Unoverprinted** Hungarian card, endorsed in pencil "Užhorod 1945 1/29"
   (Earliest use of the NRZU censor handstamp known to this exhibitor)
   Illustrated in Reference 2
2. Budapest to Nagydobrony (Veliká Dobroň), June 11, 1945

4. Užhorod First Edition

February 10, 1945

The First Edition was printed in vertical strips of 10 at the **Földesi** print shop in Užhorod. Some sources give the date of issue as Feb. 1. Sources also disagree as to where the First Edition was printed, with some claiming that the first edition was produced by Litografia Lam in Užhorod.

П З	П З	П З	П З	П З	П З
Пошта Закарпатська Україна	Пошта Закарпатська Україна	Пошта Закарпатська Україна	Пошта Закарпатська Україна	Пошта Закарпатська Україна	Пошта Закарпатська Україна
Type I	**Type Ib**	**Type II**	**Type III**	**Type IIIa**	**Type IV**

Type Ia (both 1st and 2nd editions) * - Пошта

Type I - Normal: Initial capital letters without serifs (positions 5 early, 7, 8)
Type Ia - Right leg of **ш** broken (position 3) *
Type Ib - Broken **н** in (position 5 late)
Type II - **З** of **Закарпатска** with serifs (position 2)
Type III - **П** of **Пошта** with serifs (positions 4 and 6)
Type IIIa - Missing final **а** in **Закарпатска** (position 1)
Type IV - Serifs on both **П** of **Пошта** and **З** of **Закарпатска** (positions 9 and 10)

* - For purposes of this exhibit, Type Ia is considered to be the same as Type I.

1943 Churches Issue

Type II 63

Type IIIa 12

Only types known for this stamp

Inverted Overprint

Type II 2

All Užhorod overprints were valid through August 31, 1945

4. Užhorod First Edition

1942 Admiral Horthy Issue (wmk. X)

4.00 / 2P

Type Ia 11

Type Ib 11

Type II 11

Type III 22

Type IIIa 11

Type IV 22

10.00 / 5P

Type II 3

Type III 3

Only Types I, II, III and IIIa are known.

1944 St.Margaret Issue (60 / 30f)

Type I, Ia

Ia 89

Type Ib

137

Type II

257

Type III

514

Type IIIa

257

Type IV

514

4. Užhorod First Edition

1943 Portraits & Crown Issue

	Type I, Ia	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
40 / 2f					does not exist
	Ia 12	12	12	12	
40 / 8f					
	299	83	166	83	166
40 / 10f					
	Ia 42	104	208	104	208
40 / 18f					
	Ia 149	149	298	149	298
2.00 / 1P					
	Ia 51	51	102	51	102

4. Užhorod First Edition

1944 Lajos Kossuth Issue

	Type I/Ia	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
40 / 4f					
Type Ib does not exist	Ia 18	18	18	18	5

	Type I/Ia	Type Ib	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa
1.00 / 50f					
Type IV does not exist	Ia 11	11	18	18	18

Inverted Overprint

Type IIIa

3

4. Užhorod First Edition

1944 Famous Women Issue

	Type I/Ia	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
60 / 20f					
	87	29	58	29	58
60 / 24f					
	Ia 47	47	94	47	94
60 / 30f					
	178	89	178	89	178
1.00 / 50f					
	Ia 20	20	40	20	40
1.40 / 70f					
	Ia 27	27	54	27	54
2.00 / 80f					
	Ia 27	27	54	27	54

4. Užhorod First Edition

1941-44 Postage Due Issue
(Issued as normal postage stamps)

	Type I/Ia	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
10 / 2f					
	Ia 50	50	108	50	108
20 / 8f					
	Ia 49	49	98	49	98
20 / 10f					
	Ia 46	46	92	46	92
30 / 12f					
	40	20	40	20	40
40 / 20f					
	123	41	82	41	82
1.00 / 40f					
	Ia 16	16	32		32

4. Užhorod First Edition

Varieties – Famous Women Issue

The 60 / 24f value was also overprinted in Red (2 types only)

Type I 12

Type IIIa 12

Type Ib is known only on three values

89

1.40 / 70f

2.00 / 80f

Inverted overprints are known only on 2 values

Type I 3

Type I 3

Varieties – Postage Due Issue

Type Ib is known only on 4 values

50

49

46

20

Court Letter

July 6, 1945 – Tarnovce to Užhorod, Censored

Franked with 10f stamp of the 2nd definitive issue and 40 / 4f overprinted stamp

The overprinted Kossuth stamp is **Type IIIa** – **18 issued**

Hungarian Revenue stamps were overprinted but never issued. Type Ia is scarce on revenue stamps, and Type Ib is not known. While total quantities printed are known for each value (and shown in parentheses), the quantities for individual types can only be estimated (Types III & IV about 20%, Types Ia, II & IIIa about 10% of total quantity).

Unissued Revenue Stamps – 1934 Documentary Stamps

	Type I/Ia	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
10 / 2f (100)					
10 / 4f (109)					
40 / 4f (170) 2 shades	Ia				
40 / 5f (372)					

Unissued Revenue Stamps – 1934 Documentary Stamps

	Type I/Ia	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
40 / 10f (430)					
40 / 20f (80)					
60 / 30f (205)					
60 / 40f (76)					
1.00 / 40f (130)					

Ia

Unissued Revenue Stamps – 1934 Documentary Stamps

	Type I/Ia	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
1.00 / 50f (107)					
Ia					
2.00 / 50f (43)					
2.00 / 1P (276)					
4.00 / 2P (155)					
Ia					
10.00 / 5P (14)					

Unissued Revenue Stamps – 1934 Documentary Stamps

	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
2.00 / 20P (14)					

Unissued Revenue Stamps – 1943 Documentary Stamps

	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
4.00 / 3P (13)					
6.00 / 3P (50)					

Unissued Revenue Stamps – 1941 (1934 in design) Bill of Exchange Stamps

	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
10 / 3f (107)					
40 / 15f (218)					
1.00 / 45f (54)					
1.40 / 60f (155) 2 shades					
6.00 / 3P (61)					

Unissued Revenue Stamps – 1934 Judicial Stamps

	Type I/Ia	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
20 / 10f (50)					
	Ia				
40 / 10f (11)					
60 / 30f (78)					
	Ia				
1.00 / 50f (77)					
	Ia				

Unissued Revenue Stamps – 1934 Judicial Stamps

	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
2.00 / 50f (20)					
4.00 / 2P (14)					
10.00 / 5P (11)					

Unissued Revenue Stamps – 1944 Two-Part Invoice Stamps

One half of the stamp was affixed to the original invoice prior to presentation. The other half was affixed to the duplicate record.

	Type I/Ia	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
10 / 5f (100)					
20 / 10f (99)	Ia				
40 / 20f (200)					
1.00 / 50f (100)					

Unissued Revenue Stamps – 1944 Two-Part Invoice Stamps

	Type I/Ia	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
2.00 / 1P (282)					
5.00 / 2P (9)					
6.00 / 3P (20)					
10.00 / 4P (12)					
10.00 / 5P (18)					

Ia

Unissued Revenue Stamps – 1944 Two-Part Invoice Stamps

	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IIIa	Type IV
15.00 / 6P (20)					
20.00 / 10P (9)					
40.00 / 20P (6)					
60.00 / 30P (12)					

Unissued Revenue Stamps – 1944 Bill Stamps

	4.00 / 2P	10.00 / 5P
Type I Пошта Закарпатська Україна 10·00	 105	 5
Type Ia Закарпатська Broken T in Zakarpatska	 12	does not exist

Type Ia occurs only in position 6 of the vertical strip of 10, and does not exist on the 10.00 / 5P stamp.

1944 Bill Stamps issued as postage

First Edition – Numerals at right

	40/10f	40/20f	60/50f
Type I Пошта Закарпатська Україна 40	 758	 551	 361
Type Ia (position 6) Закарпатська Broken T in Zakarpatska	see below 84	 61	 40

Left stamps are **Type I**, right stamp is **Type Ia**. Berehovo postmark.

Illustrated in Reference 3

5. Užhorod Second Edition

February 10, 1945

Produced at Litografia Lam in Užhorod. Most sources give March 20, 1945 as the date of issue for the Second Edition stamps, but many of these same sources illustrate covers with earlier dates (Feb. 27 is the earliest date known to me).

The Second Edition overprints are mostly at a lower angle (~28°) than those of the First Edition. Some stamps are known with overprints at a higher angle (~38°).

The Second Edition stamps were printed in **strips of 5**

Overprint at 28° angle

Пошта
Закарпатська
Україна
60

Пошта Закарпатська Україна — chipped

Пошта Закарпатська Україна — unequal

Пошта Закарпатська Україна — broken

Пошта Закарпатська Україна — joined

Пошта Закарпатська Україна — wedge

Overprint at 38° angle

Пошта
Закарпатська
Україна
60

1944 Bill Stamps issued as postage

Second Edition – Numerals at left

Пошта
Закарпатська
Україна
40

40 / 10f

170

40 / 20f

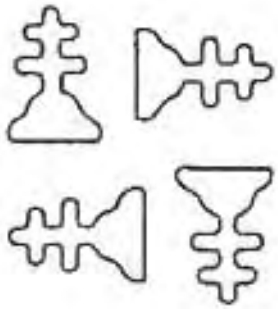
80

60 / 50f

35

5. Užhorod Second Edition

In late 1941, Hungary stopped using paper with the multiple double-barred cross watermark (**IX**) and began using paper with wreath, shield and crown watermark (**X**). A few of the overprinted stamps exist only with watermark **IX**, but the majority have watermark **X**. However, since stamps for overprinting were called in from outlying post offices, a few stamps with the old watermark also received the Second Edition overprints. Most of these exist only in miniscule quantities.



Watermark IX

Watermark X

1939 and 1941 Religious Issues

1941 – Wmk. X

116

1939 – Wmk. IX

107

1941 – Wmk. X

88

1943 Churches Issue

84

68

68

65

5. Užhorod Second Edition

1941 Count Széchenyi issue (Wmk. IX)

74

64

68

69

78

1942 Admiral Horthy issue (Wmk. X)

76

160

39

Inverted Overprint

2

1941 Admiral Horthy issue – Watermark IX

16

10

8

5. Užhorod Second Edition

1943 Portraits & Crown Issue (10, 40)

144

104

117

109

99

26

26

96

40 / 18f

161

Inverted Overprints

18

15

15

10

17

8

10

13

9

17

5. Užhorod Second Edition

1943 Portraits & Crown Issue (60)

1,940

970

1,264

7,078

448

1,317

696

4.055

820

4,489

1,462

313

1,549

Inverted Overprints

10

10

15

15

15

15

10

15

15

12

10

10

13

5. Užhorod Second Edition

1943 Portraits & Crown Issue (2.00)

279

190

315

Inverted Overprints

10

2.00 / 80f
not known

2.00 / 1P

Varieties

Overprint Color Varieties

10 / 3f

red 20

black 20

2.00 / 50f

Double Overprint

5

Only known double overprint from either edition of the Užhorod overprints

1943 War Invalids Issue

204

86

220

108

109

117

103

103

1943 Christmas Issue

479

382

278

5. Užhorod Second Edition

1944 St. Margaret Issue

2,652

Inverted 19

1944 Red Cross Issue

84

68

74

58

1944 Lajos Kossuth Issue

172

44

147

107

161

5. Užhorod Second Edition

1944 Famous Women Issue

108

60 / 20f

89

79

1,506

121

61

139

331

2.00 / 80f

Varieties

2.00 / 50f with overprint ink on reverse

Inverted Overprints

(Known on 4 values)

7

60 / 24f

15

1.00 / 50f

5. Užhorod Second Edition

1941-44 Postage Due Issue

412

253

119

203

13

105

494

191

67

1.00 / 40f

Unissued 60/2f (Error)

2

Watermark IX

(Known on all values except 10 / 3f)

20

12

12

12

20

8

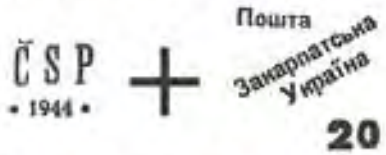
10

5

12

5. Užhorod Second Edition

March 20, 1945 – Overprints on stamps with prior Chust overprint



1943 Portraits & Crown Issue

171

173

173

269

273

73

170

73

186

1944 Lajos Kossuth Issue

73

1944 Famous Women Issue

73

73

Inverted Overprints

3

3

3

March 20, 1945 – First Day of Issue (?) – Not!

As stated previously, earlier literature unanimously gave March 20 as the First Day of Issue for stamps of the Second Edition. However, some of these same sources illustrate covers with Second Edition stamps with earlier dates, in one case as early as February 27. Reference 1 (Majer) is the first to give February 20 as the issue date for the Second Edition.

Užhorod local letter

Franking: 60/40f Churches **68 issued**
2.00/50f Churches **68 issued**

Return receipt on reverse (100%)

July 22, 1945 – Kvasy to Užhorod, censored *Illustrated in Reference 2*
Censor mark on reverse; opened by slitting the right side and re-gluing from the inside
Franking: 60/30f Famous Women 1,506 issued

June 14, 1945 – Philatelic cover, franked with Second Definitive issue and Second Edition overprints

Franking:	40f 2nd Definiive Issue	first day !
	60f 2nd Definiive Issue	
	40/12f Portraits	**96 issued**
	40/5f Portraits	**99 issued**

6. First Definitive Issue

May 1945 – Perf. 11½

Symbols of the Liberation of Carpatho-Ukraine by the Red army

Type I

П of ПОШТА
not shifted

Type II

П of ПОШТА
shifted right

Quantities Issued

Different sources have reported different quantities. The following numbers are taken from the two most recent sources (von Steiden and Majer) and differ from earlier sources.

	Perforated	Imperforate	Issue Date
60	45,165	5,000	May 1, 1945
100	67,297	7,500	May 6, 1945
200	40,719	4,500	May 25, 1945

All definitive issues were valid through Nov. 14, 1945. On Nov. 15, Carpatho-Ukraine became part of the Soviet Union. Usage of the definitive stamps can occasionally be found after that date.

60 fillér – issued May 1, 1945

Essay and Trial Printings

Essay – Variant numerals, on parchment paper

Illustrated in Reference 2

Trial Printings on thin paper

ungummed

gummed

Trial Printing on thin yellow paper

ungummed

60 fillér – sheet layout

I	II	I	I	I	II	I	I
I	II	I	I	I	II	I	I
I	II	I	I	I	II	I	I
I	II	I	I	I	II	I	I
★	I	I	I	II	I	I	★
★	I	II	I	II	I	I	★
★	I	II	I	II	I	I	★

Plate number "1." in lower left tab, no other marginal markings

Plate Number 1.

Wide tabs left and right

60 fillér – Varieties

Freak perforation from foldover

Both Type II

Positions 40 & 46

Bottom stamp – damaged letters **TC** & **A** in top inscription, plus missing left dot on **Ї** in bottom inscription.

(similar flaws on bottom stamp of strip above)

60 fillér

Type II Type I

Both Type II

6. First Definitive Issue

100 fillér – issued May 6, 1945

Trial Printings on ungummed paper

imperf at left

blue on thick orange paper

blue on yellow paper

gray on yellow paper

blue (double impressions) on thick paper with printing on reverse

(100%)

black on thin paper, printed on both sides (100%)

6. First Definitive Issue

Perforated

100 fillér

Sheet layout same as 60 fillér with the addition of **ЛИТО. ЛАМ 1945** in the lower right tab.

Shades

Printer's Imprint **ЛИТО. ЛАМ 1945**

100 fillér

Plate Number **1.**

100 fillér - varieties

Broken Links

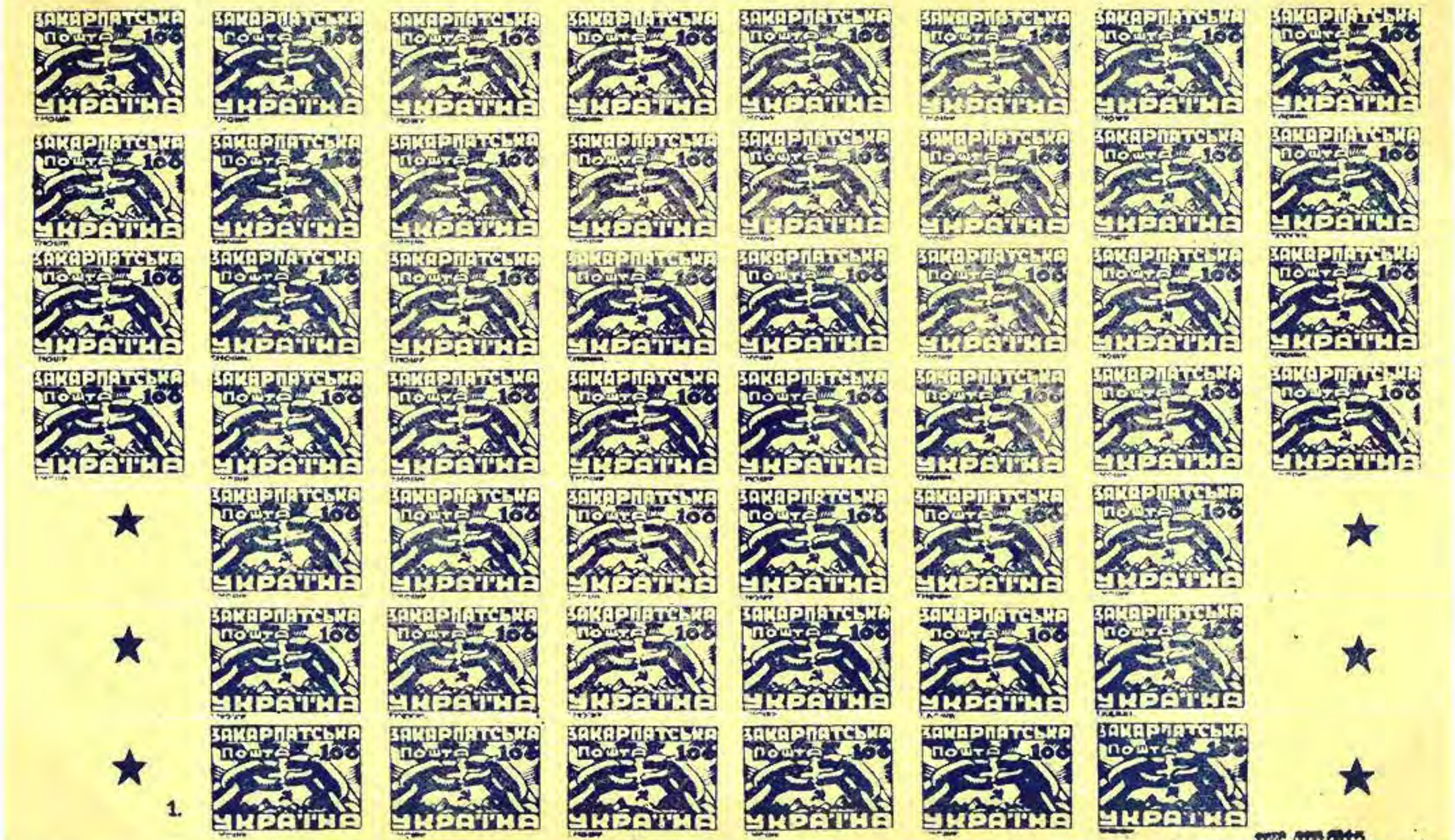
positions 24, 32

Period after **Т.МОШК** (position 18)

(smaller periods known on 7 other positions)

6. First Definitive Issue

So-called "Ultramarine" color
(In reality a different ink composition which does not reflect light like the other printings)



1.

Imperforate

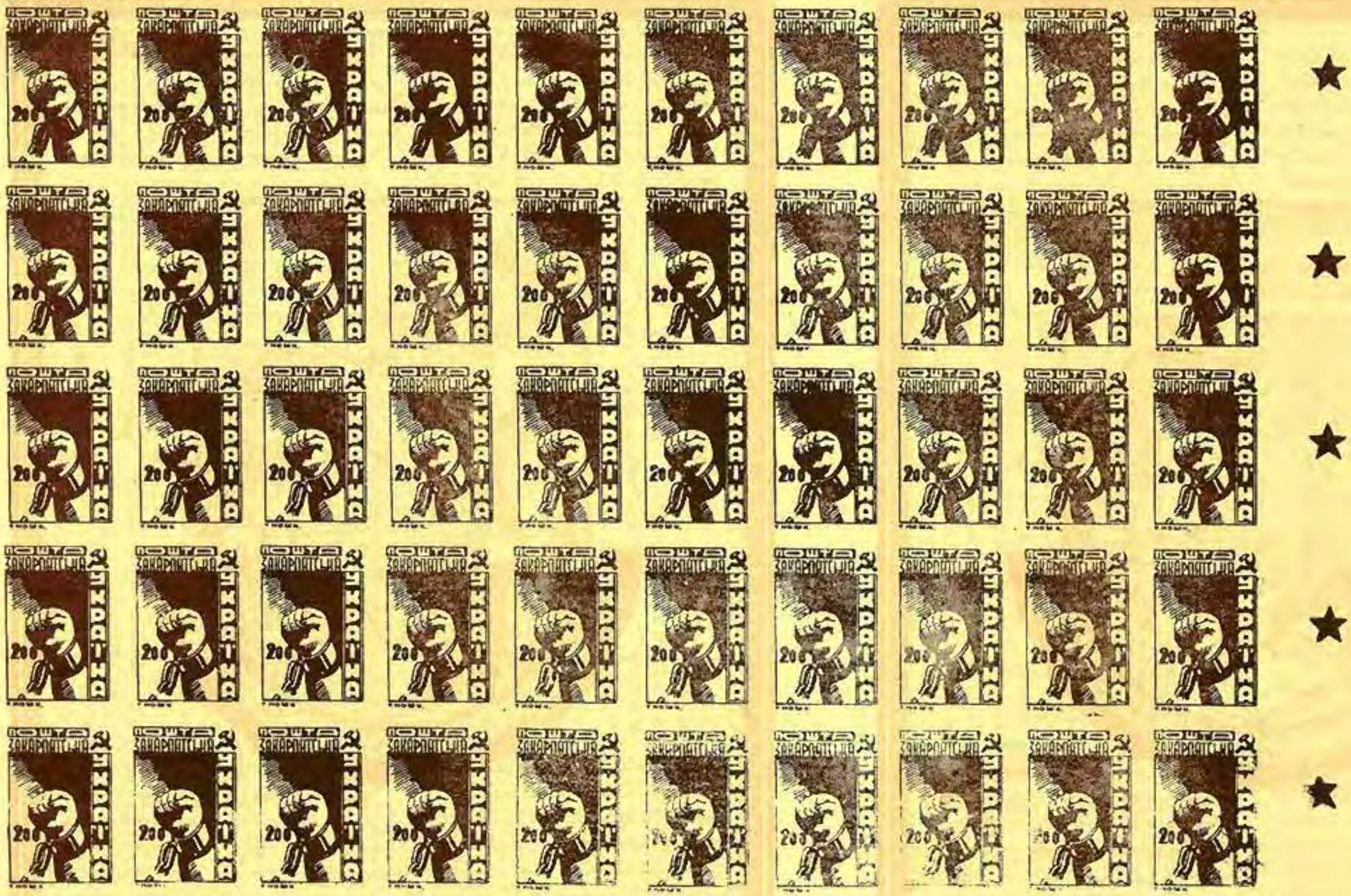
100 fillér

Varieties

Double impression

"Ultramarine"

ЛИТО ЛВН 1945



200 fillér single color essay
Full sheet printed on thick security paper used for school report cards

Unique !

Illustrated in Reference 1

200 fillér – issued May 25, 1945

Single Color Essays (ungummed)

Thin Paper

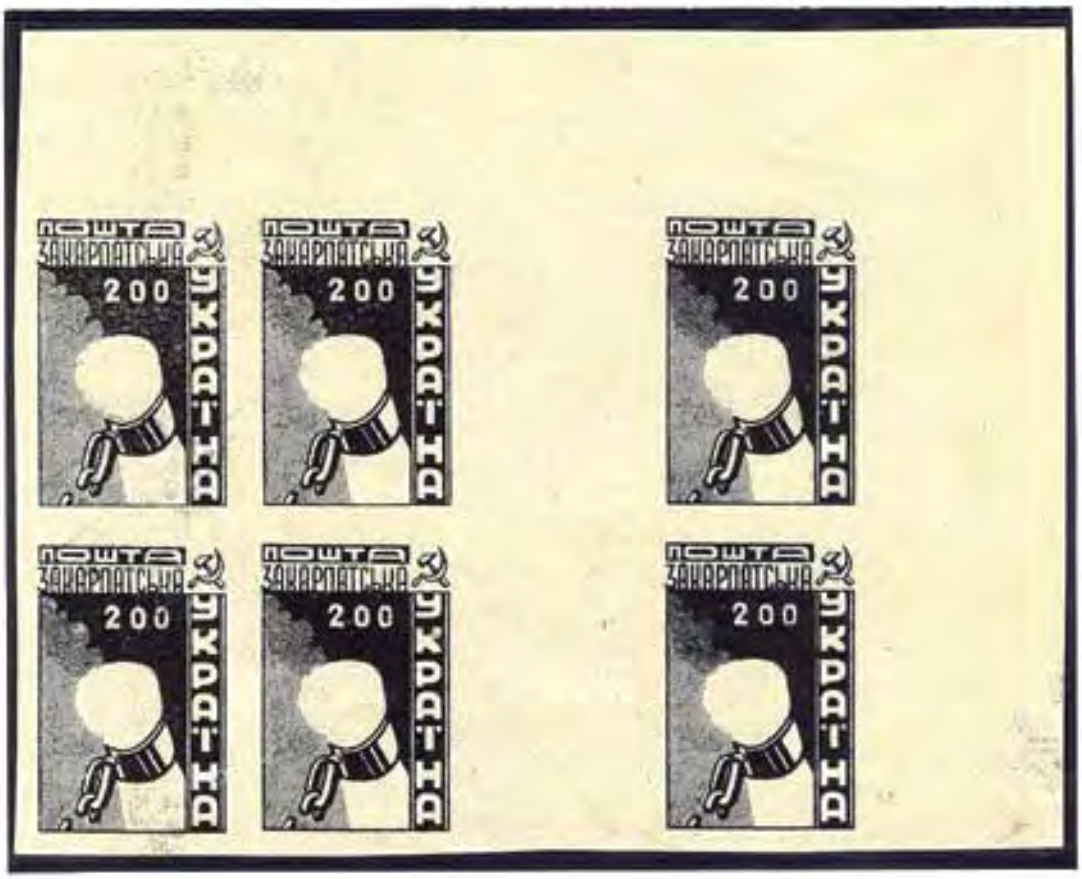
Printed on both sides, inverted

Thick Security Paper

Printer's imprint **ЛИТО ЛАМ 1945** at upper left

Illustrated in Reference 2

200 fillér – single color trials on thick security paper



Issued Stamp

6. First Definitive Issue

Perforated

200 fillér

Plate No. 1 and printer's imprint **ЛИТО. ЛАМ 1945**

Double perforations

Offset

6. First Definitive Issue

Two printings of the 200f value

First Printing (Plate A) in sheets of 50

Imperforate vertically

Wide margins at top and right

Second Printing (Plate B) in sheets of 60
Smaller margins at top and right

Imperforate vertically

6. First Definitive Issue

200 fillér – First Printing in sheets of 50 (Plate A)

6. First Definitive Issue

200 fillér – Second Printing in sheets of 60 (Plate B)

When the printer received a supply of larger-sized paper, the 60 subject plate was made. The full sheets of 60 were often divided into a block of 50 (for larger post offices) and a block of 10 with gutter (for smaller offices).

5 rows of 12, gutter between last two columns

Smaller margins at top and right

Illustrated in Reference 2

Plate A (50 subjects)

200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200

Plate B (60 subjects) with gutter

200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	★	200
200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	★	200
200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	★	200
200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	★	200
200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	★	200

6. First Definitive Issue

200 fillér Plate B – left hand block of 50

Perforated

200 fillér – Second Printing in sheets of 60

200 fillér

With gum (sold at PO)

200 fillér – Printer's waste
(misregistered colors, ungummed)

200 fillér – on thick security paper

Reverse (75%)

Double impression of blue color, on reverse of security paper

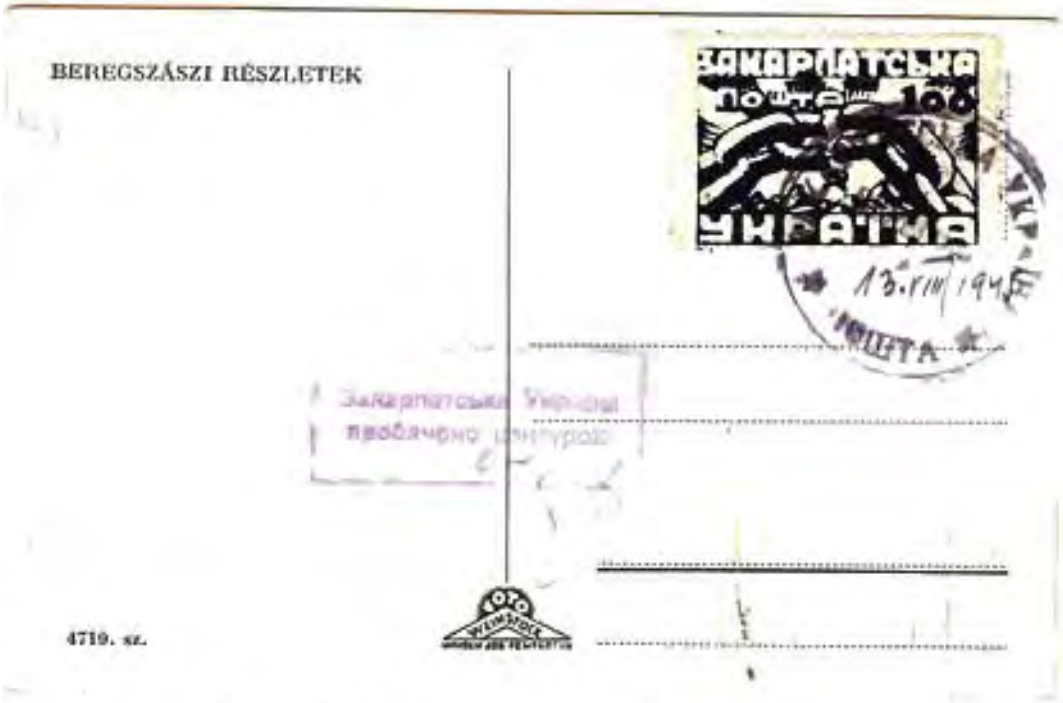
1. May 1,1945 – **First Day of Issue** – Užhorod local letter, censored (both imperf. and perforated stamps) *Illustrated in Reference 2*

2. Nov. 3, 1945 – Kvasy to Užhorod, forwarded to Čop, censored on reverse

Both covers have been slit open (left and right sides, respectively) and re-glued from the inside.

International Usage

May 21, 1945 – Berehovo to Estergom (Hungary), censored



Aug. 13, 1945 – Berehovo to Budapest, Hungary, censored

June 7, 1945 – Mukačevo to Szank, Hungary, censored on reverse

Mixed Franking with Second Definitive Issue

1. Aug. 14, 1945 – Vilok to Užhorod, registered

2. June 15, 1945 – Rákošín to Sándorfalva, Hungary, registered & censored
   Provisional postmark used for both cancellation and registration
   Illustrated in Reference 2

7. Second Definitive Issue

Trial Printings in Black – Composite Plates

On reverse of thick security paper

On thin paper

Six values issued in June 1945

Printed at Litografia Lam in Užhorod, perf. 11½

Many color and shade varieties are known

Quantities Issued

Different sources have reported different quantities. The following numbers are taken from the most recent source (von Steiden) and differ from earlier sources.

	Perforated	Imperforate
10	227,900	11,600
20	101,600	5,400
40	223,200	11,600
60	325,700	17,000
100	141,600	7,400
200	133,200	7,000

ЗАКАРПАТСЬКА УКРАЇНА
ПОШТА
40

ЗАКАРПАТСЬКА УКРАЇНА
ПОШТА
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ПОШТА
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ЗАКАРПАТСЬКА УКРАЇНА
ПОШТА
100

ЗАКАРПАТСЬКА УКРАЇНА
ПОШТА
100

ЗАКАРПАТСЬКА УКРАЇНА
ПОШТА
200

The issued stamps were printed in sheets of 200, consisting of two panes of 100 (10 × 10) separated by a vertical gutter.

10 fillér and 20 fillér

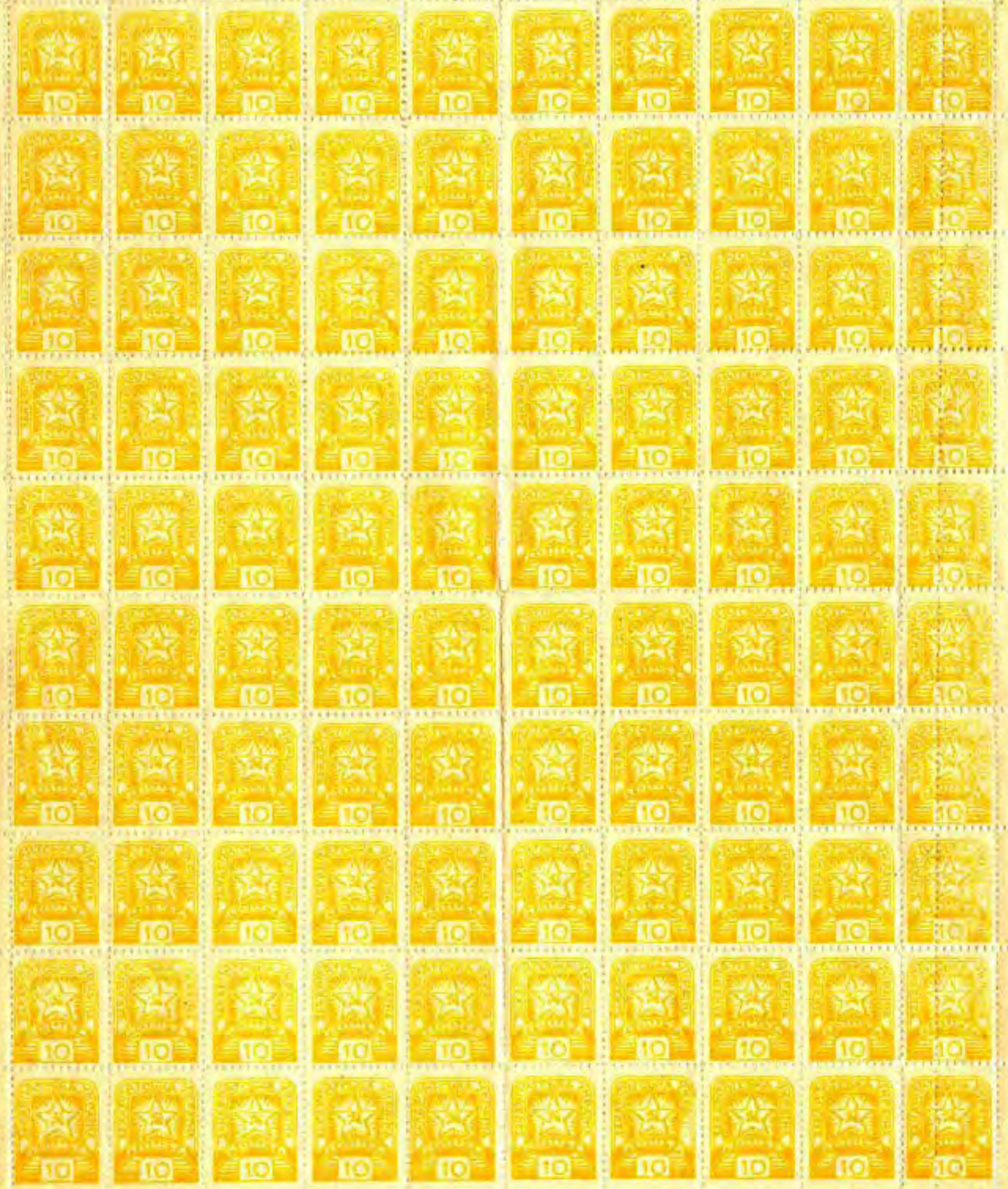
Plate Number *1.* next to lower left stamp of left hand pane

Plate Number *1.A.* next to lower left stamp of right hand pane

Printer's Imprint *ЛИТО-ЛАМ 1945* below last stamp in right hand pane

No marginal markings on 20 fillér

10 fillér Plate 1A
Double perfs left and right
Scarce bright yellow color



20 fillér
Only denomination with no marginal markings

40 fillér and 60 fillér

1 by pos. 91, left hand pane

1A by pos. 91, right hand pane

ЛИТО-ЛАМ 1945 below 99-100 R

1 by pos. 91, left hand pane

1.A. by pos. 91, right hand pane

No Printer's Imprint
on the 60f stamp

100 fillér (double vertical line added in gutter)

1. by pos. 91, left hand pane

ЛИТО „ЛАМ" 1945 below 99-100 R

1.A. by pos. 91, right hand pane

Misperforated

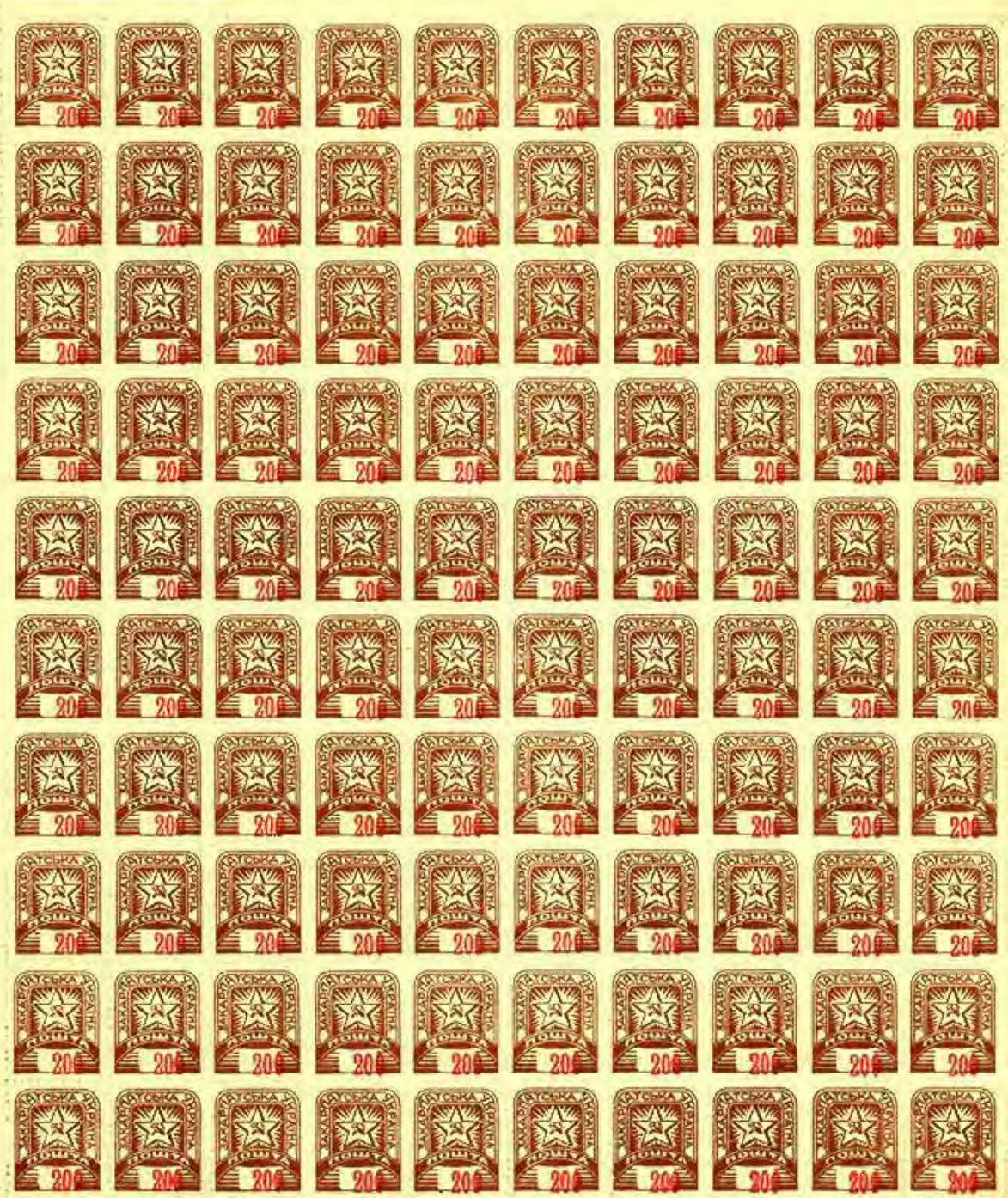
200 fillér (same markings as 100 fillér)

1. by pos. 91, left hand pane

ЛИТО „ЛАМ" 1945 below 99-100 R

1.A. by pos. 91, right hand pane

200 fillér Plates 1, 1A
Full printing sheet



Perforation varieties are especially abundant in the Second Definitive Issue

10 fillér

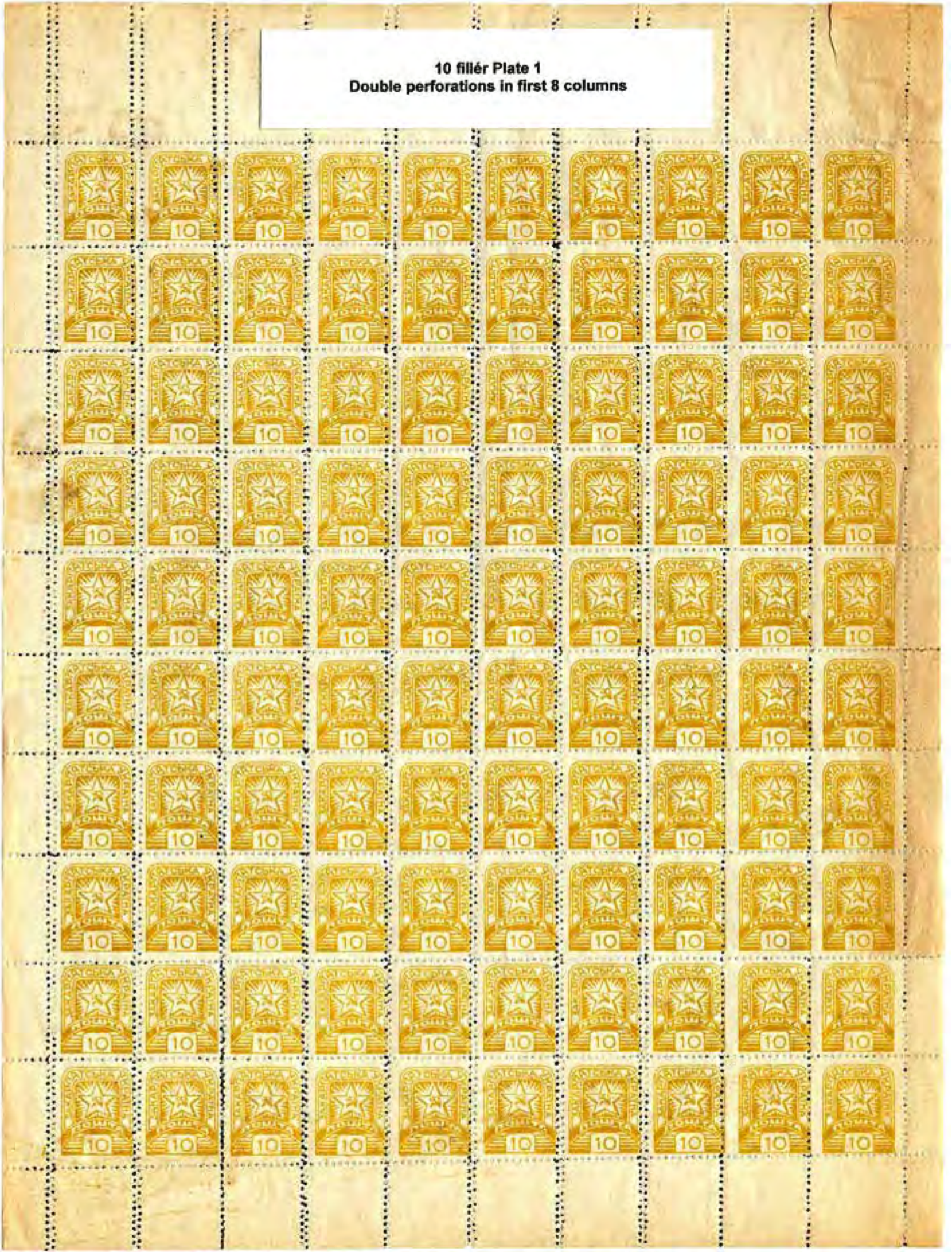
Mis-perforated

Multiple perforations

Imperforate at bottom

Shifted perforations

10 fillér Plate 1
Double perforations in first 8 columns



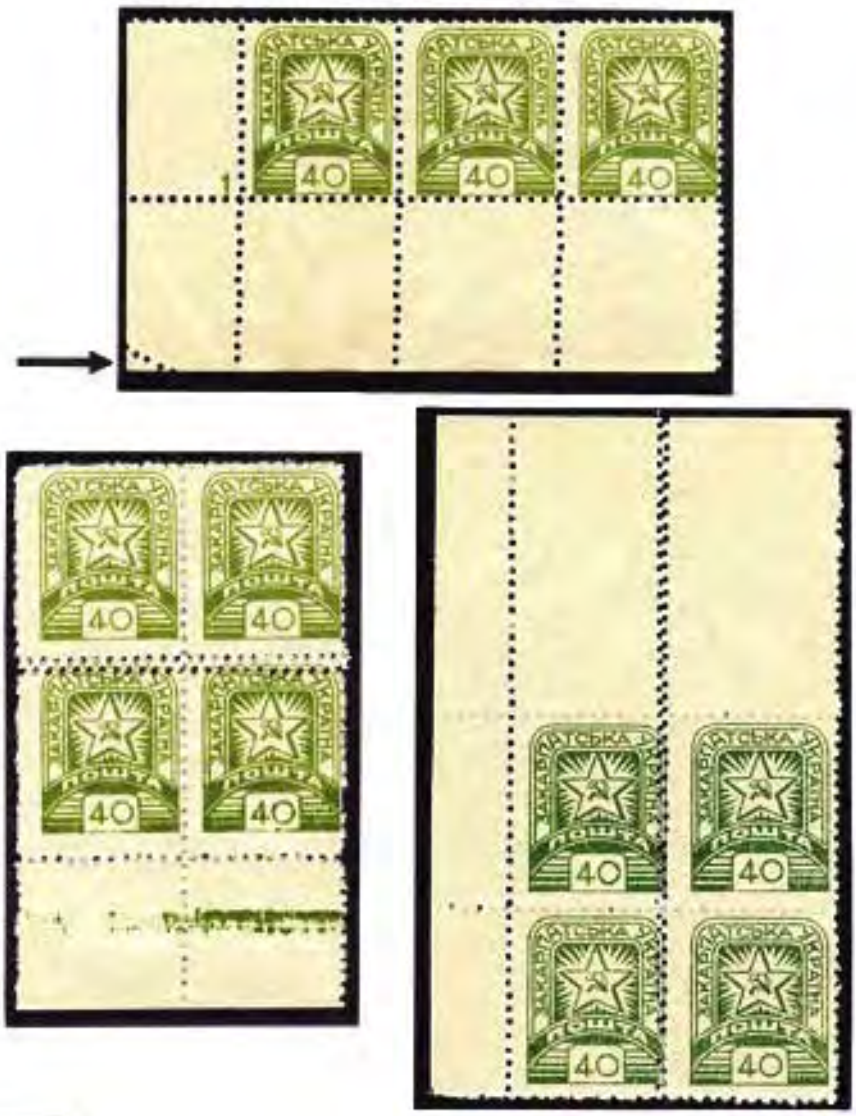
20 fillér

Multiple perforations

Missing perforations

40 fillér

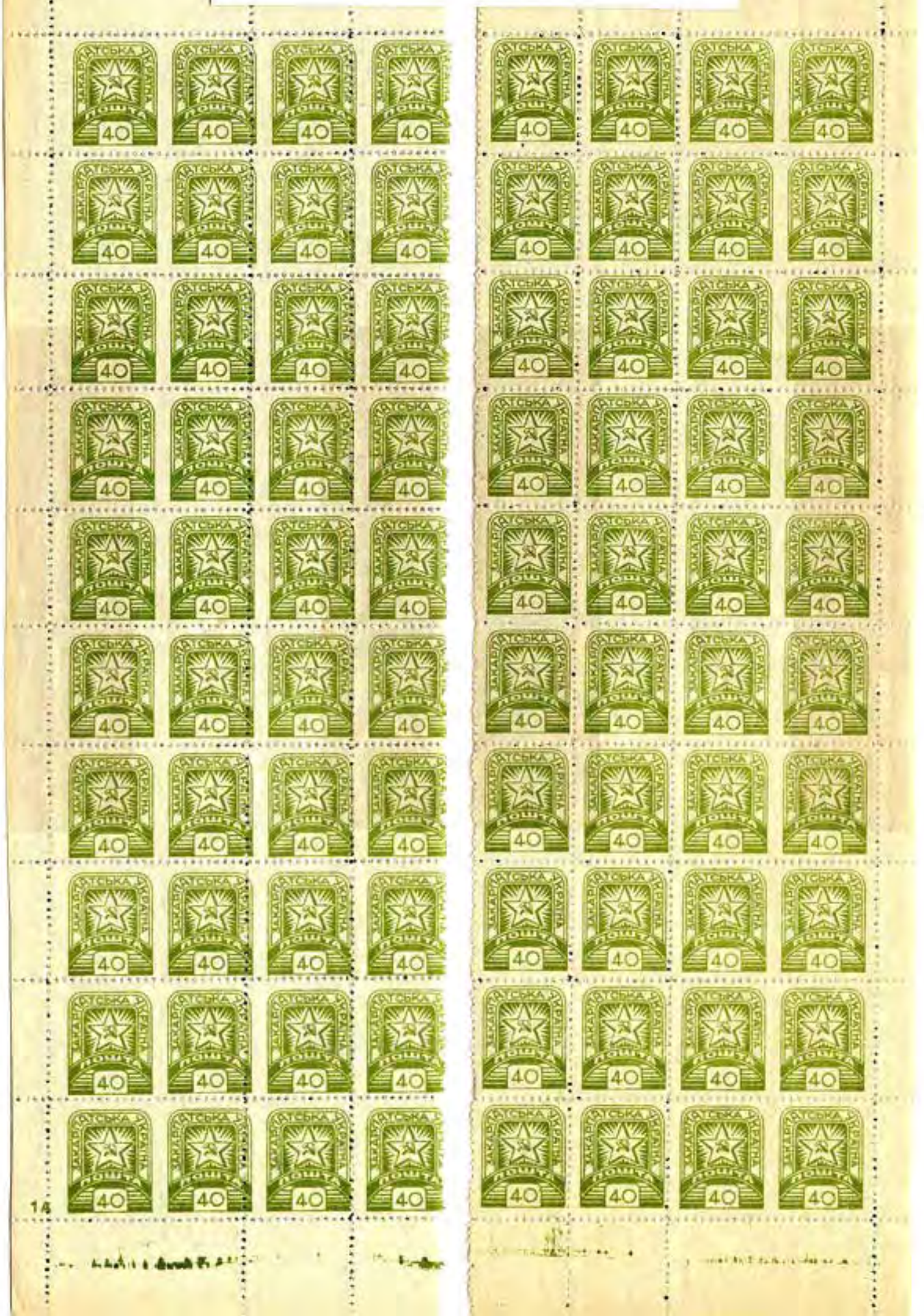
Multiple Perforations



Missing perforations

40 fillér Plate 1A
Imperf between

at left **at right**



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60 fillér

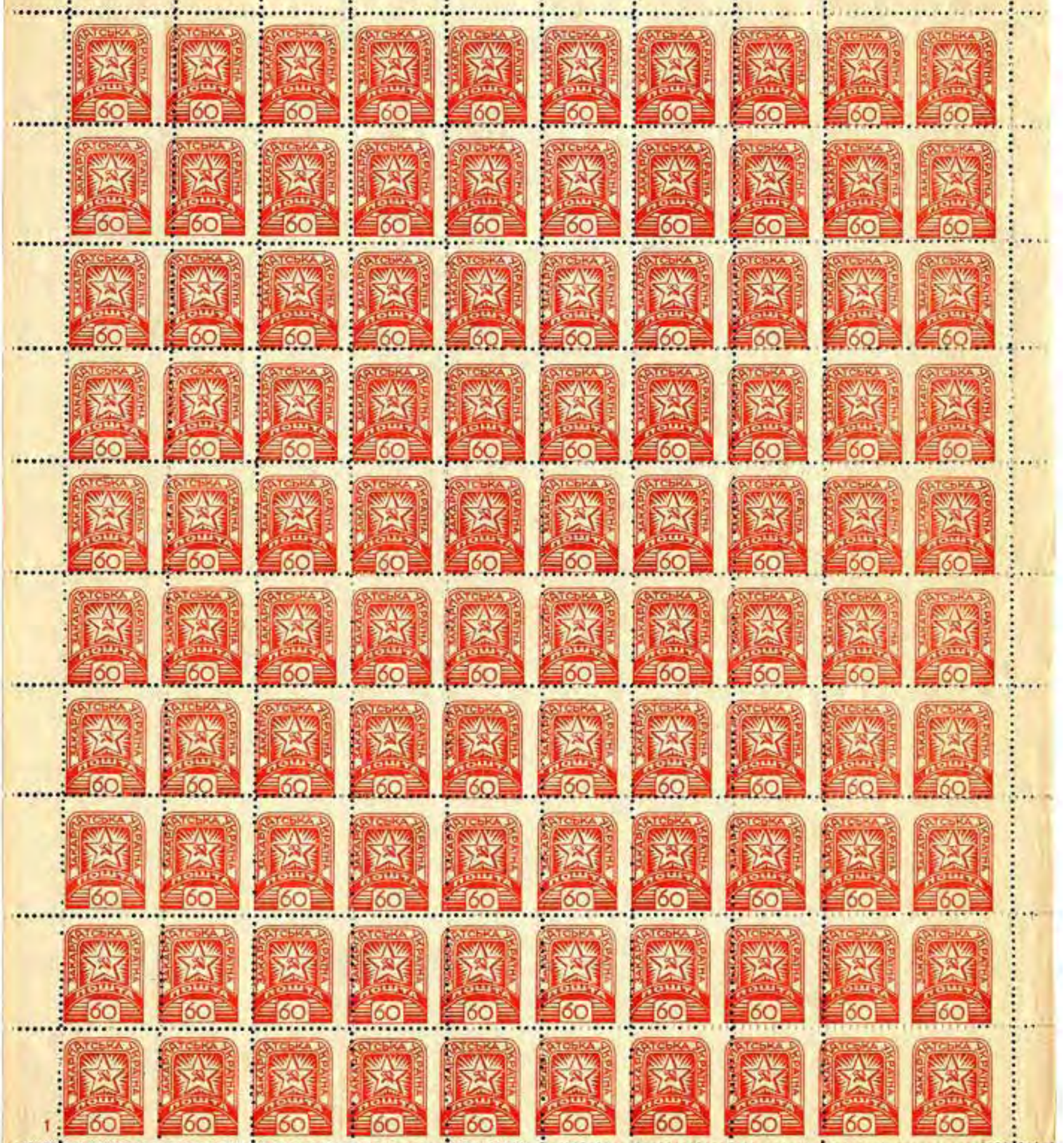
Multiple Perforations

Double Impressions

+ Double Perforations

Pre-Printing Paper Fold (right stamps)

60 fillér Plate 1
Imperf between at right



60 filler Plate 1A
Missing perforations in first 2 columns
1A

100 fillér

Multiple perforations

Missing perforations

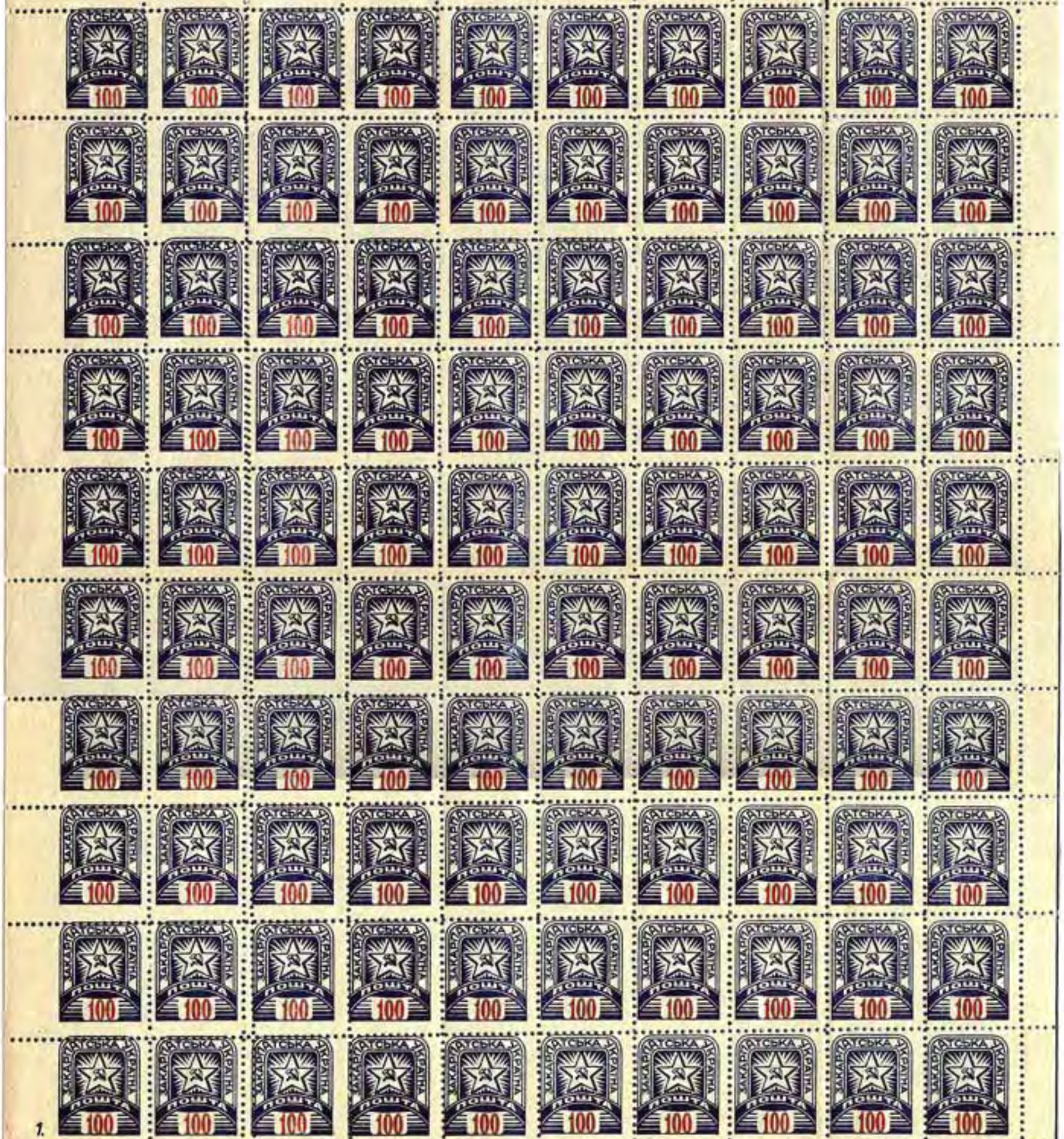
Offset of both colors

Missing perfs + offset

Triple impression of numerals

– Missing perforations –

100 fillér Plate 1
Imperf at left



1.

200 fillér

Multiple perforations

Missing perforations

100 and 200 fillér – shifted numerals

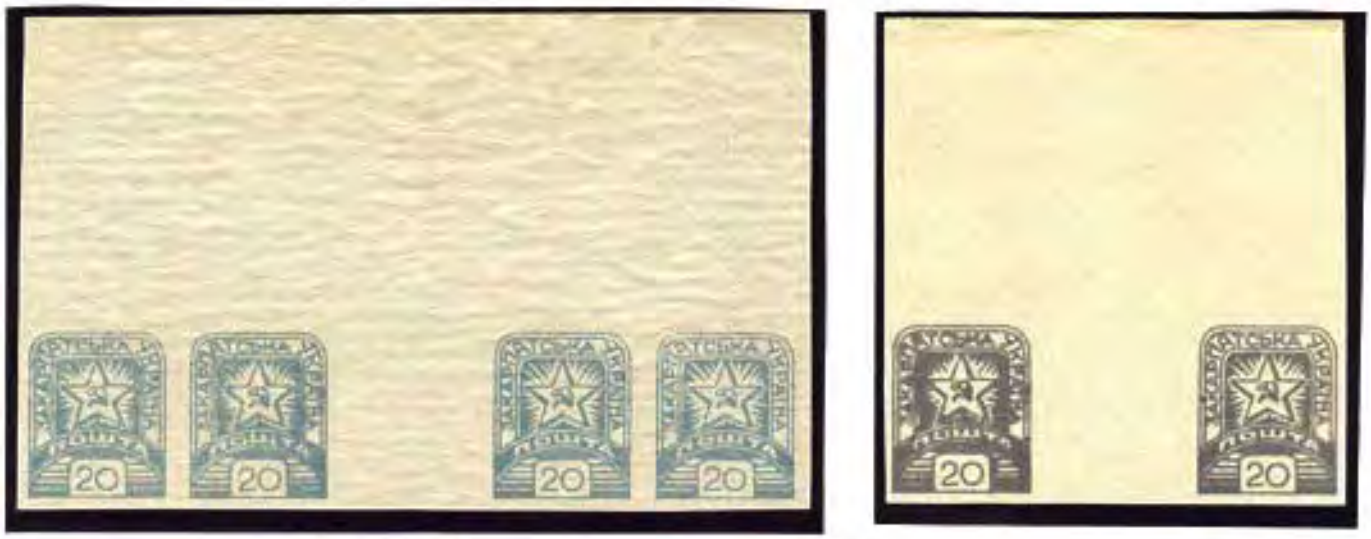
Double perts at top, imperf. between

Imperforate vertically except in gutter

10 fillér – imperforate

20 fillér – imperforate

– Mottled impressions



Parchment Paper

40 fillér – imperforate

Partial Offset

60 fillér – imperforate

Double impression

100 fillér – imperforate

Without numerals

200 fillér – imperforate

Offsets

100 fillér in brown instead of blue

All copies with offsets of both colors

Missing perforations

Quantities Printed

	Perforated	Imperforate
100 brown	400	200
200 blue	600	200

200 fillér in blue instead of brown

Without offset

Missing perforations
(All with offsets)

10 fillér – ungummed

Pink paper

Double impression

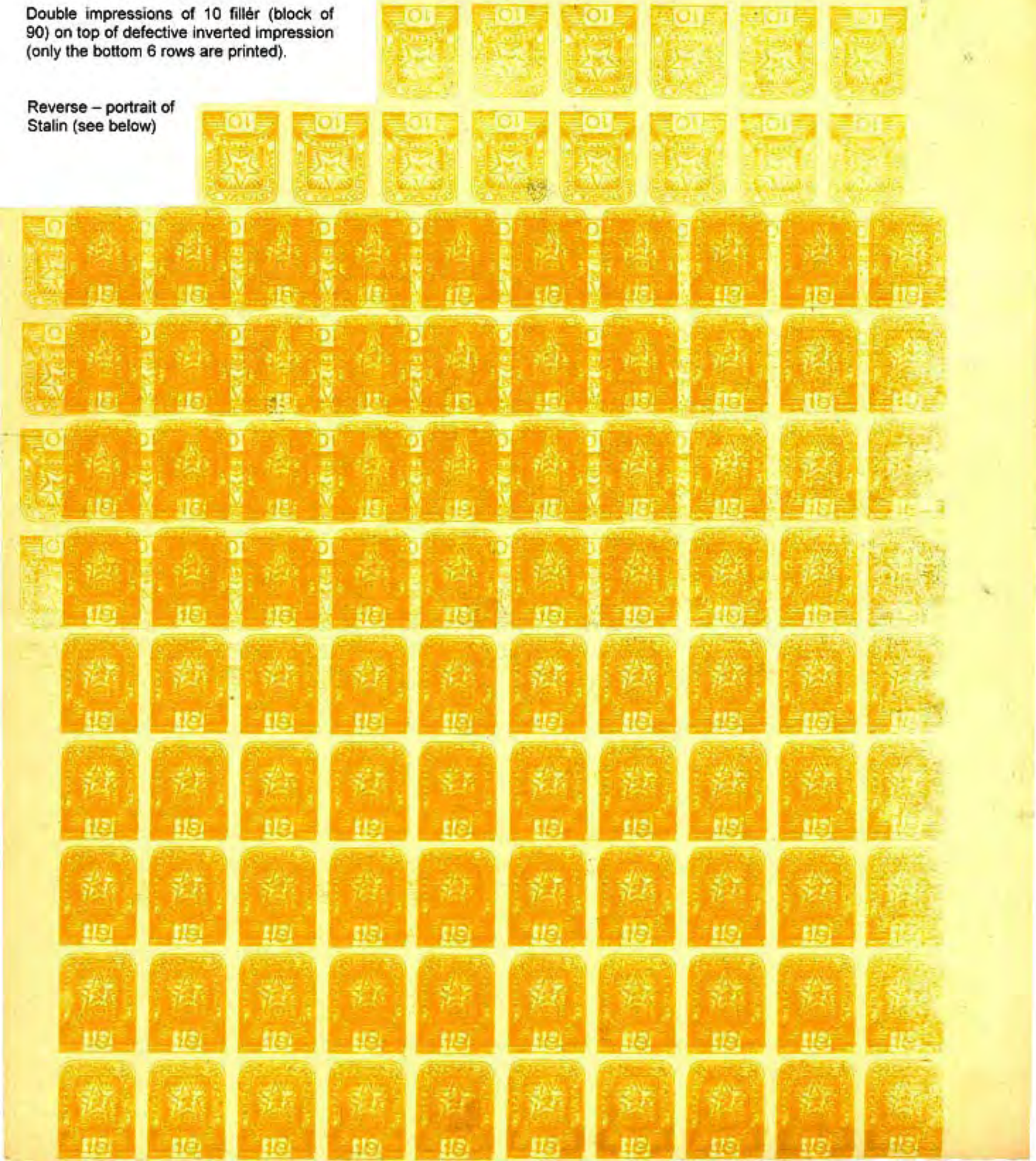
On reverse – advertisement for a pharmacy (75%)

7. Second Definitive Issue

10 fillér – printer's waste

Double impressions of 10 fillér (block of 90) on top of defective inverted impression (only the bottom 6 rows are printed).

Reverse – portrait of Stalin (see below)



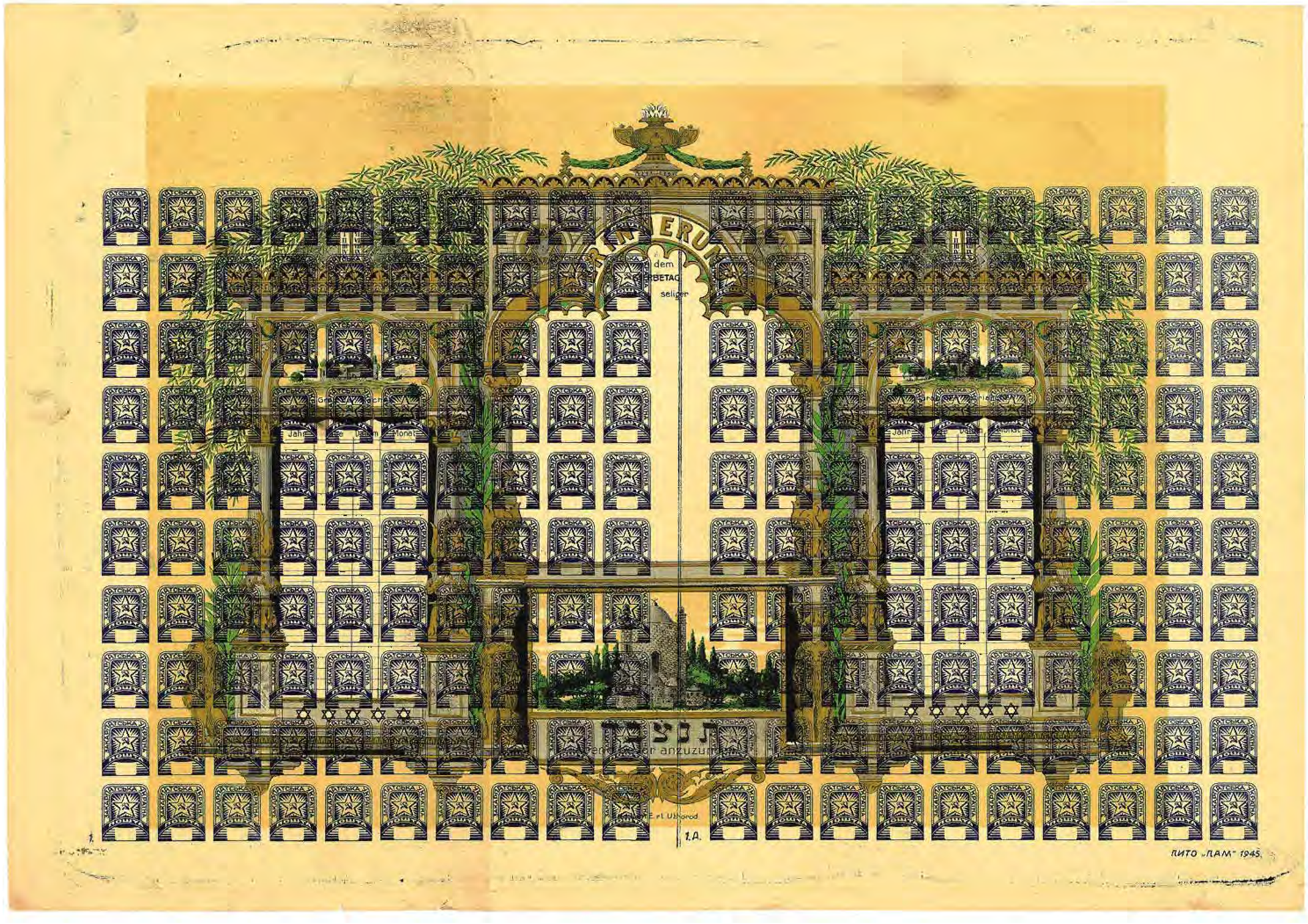
200 fillér – Multiple impressions

Portions of a portrait of Stalin on reverse (see previous frame)

7. Second Definitive Issue

Printer's waste

Full sheet of 100 fillér – vignette only (without values), printed on ornate "Remembrance" document (text in German and Hebrew).

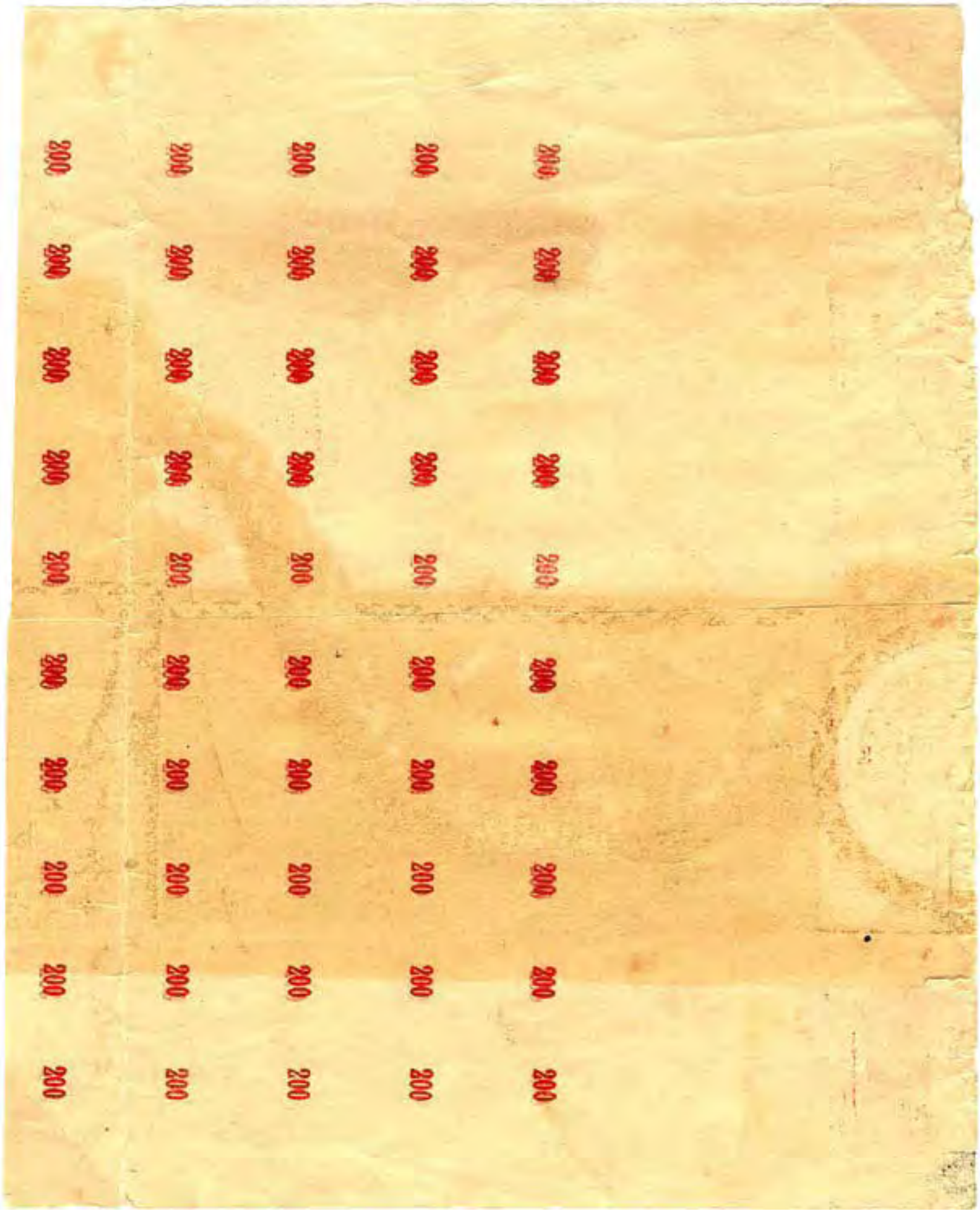


Reverse of sheet

Portrait of Nikita Khruschev (30%)

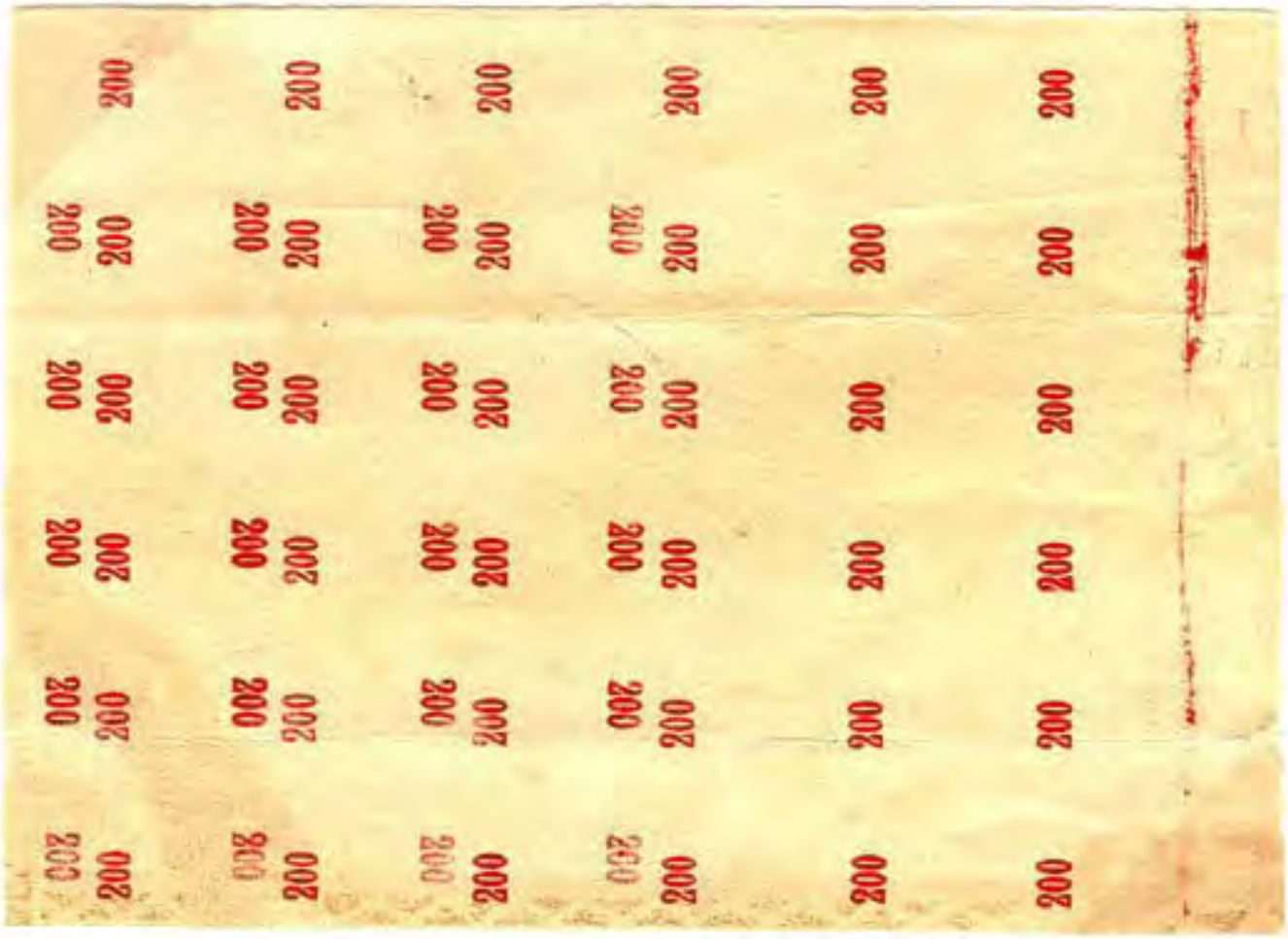
7. Second Definitive Issue

Printer's Waste - 200 fillér – Two examples with numerals only on reverse of bilingual (German/Hebrew) document. First document has been re-assembled after being cut in half.



7. Second Definitive Issue

Printer's Waste



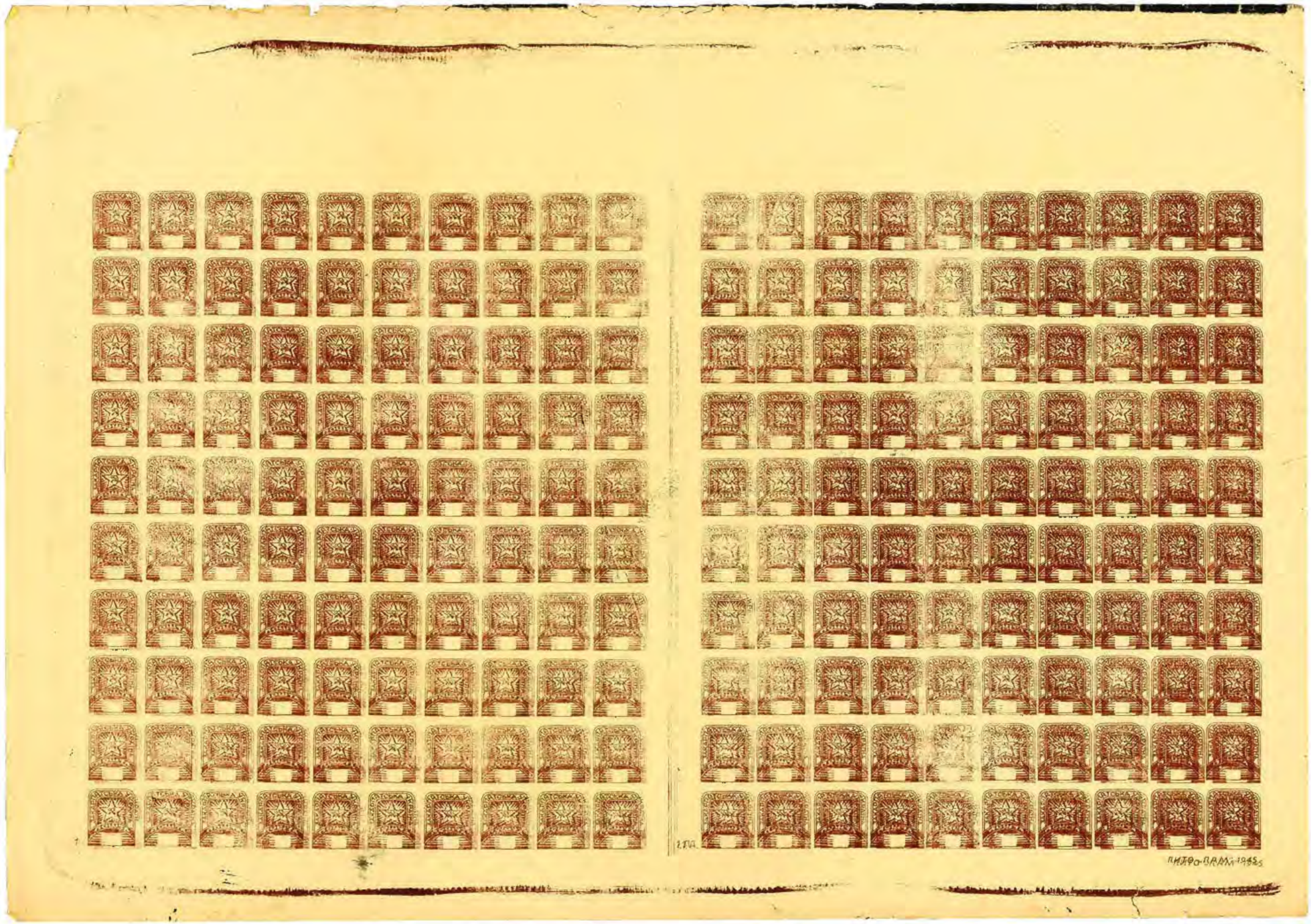
This page – Reverse (60%)

Above page – Reverse (30%)

7. Second Definitive Issue

Printer's waste

Full sheet of 200 fillér – Double impression of vignette only (without values)



Reverse of sheet

Portrait of Joseph Stalin (30%)

10 fillér

June 21, 1945 (early use) – Užhorod to Berehovo, censored
Censorship of NRZU correspondence is unusual

undated – Veliký Berezný to Zahorb

20 fillér

July 8, 1945 – Veliký Bičkiv to Rachov

Aug. 23, 1945 – Veliký Berezný to the village National Committee

40 fillér

July 11, 1945 – Čop to Užhorod, censored
Censorship of NRZU correspondence is unusual

Sept.10, 1945 (arrival) – Veliký Berezný to Čornoholovaja with NRZU arrival postmark

60 fillér

Oct. 12, 1945 – Kobiletská Poljana to Rachov

Aug. 24, 1945 – Seredné to Užhorod

100 and 200 fillér

Aug. 8 and 18, 1945, philatelic usage from Čop to Olomouc in Czechoslovakia

See "The Philatelic Manipulations of Viktor Indra" in *Fakes Forgeries Experts* No. 9 (2006)

8. Third Definitive Issue

Perforated

Two values issued in August 1945

Year date '**19**' and '**45**' added to lower corners of previous design. Printed at Litografia Lam in Užhorod, perf. 11½. Significantly fewer varieties exist in this issue.

10 fillér

Trial printing in black on thick yellow paper

Normal printing

Overinkng obscures part or all of '**1**'

Plate No. **2**

Printer's Imprint
ЛИТО-ЛАМ УЖГОРОД

Quantities Issued

	Perforated	Imperforate
10	30,000	3,000
20	71,600	3,000

8. Third Definitive Issue

Perforated

20 fillér

Plate Number ***2***

Printer's Imprint
ЛИТО-ЛАМ УЖГОРОД

Plate Number ***2A***

Variety
imperf. in margin

Gutter pairs

"Scissors" added at top and bottom

Imperf. between

Imperforate gutter pairs

Because of the smaller printings and shorter period of use, covers with stamps of the Third Definitive Issue are much harder to find than those of the two previous issues.

Undated – Veliký Berezný to small village (B. Pastim)

Illustrated in Reference 2

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10 fillér Plates 2, 2A
Full printing sheet

47

2A

ÁMTO ÁMM. KIADÓ

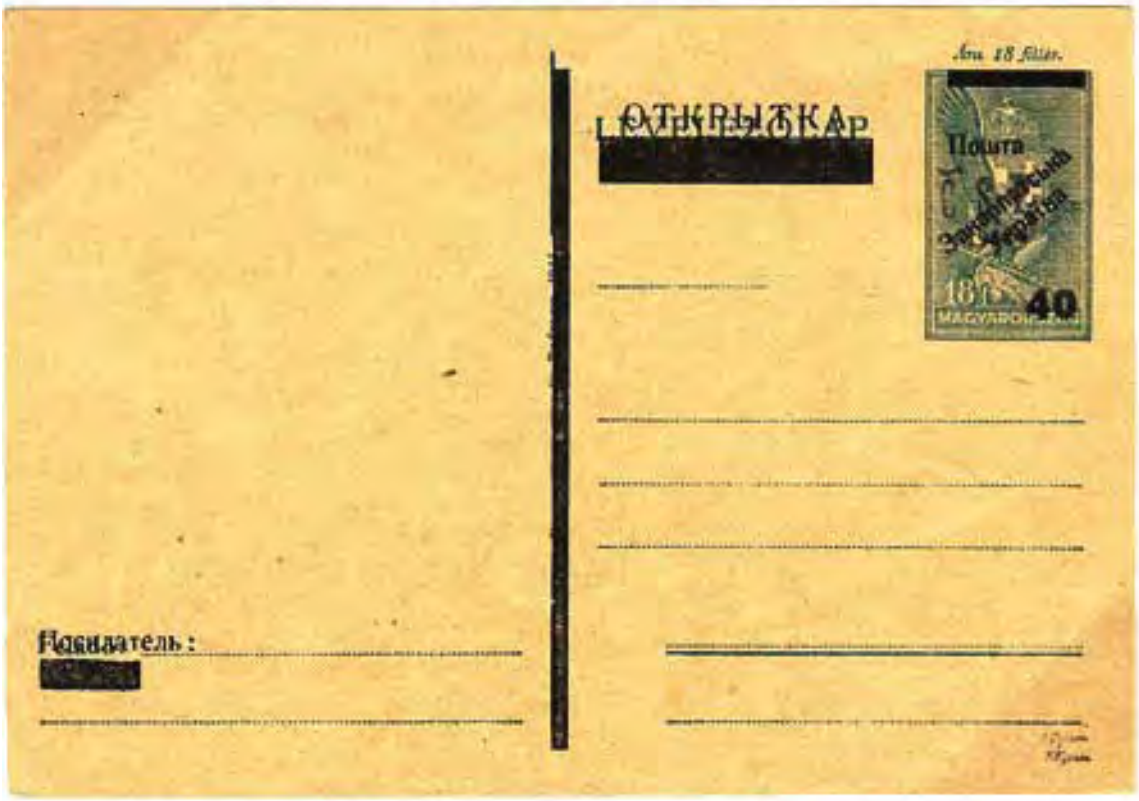
20 fillér Plates 2, 2A
Full printing sheet

9. NRZU Postal Stationery

Užhorod

Overprint at 38° angle, 18 fillér card revalued to 40 (fillér)
(Same as First Edition Type IV overprint)

With additional Chust overprint Č S P / • 1944 •



All NRZU postal stationery was valid through November 14,1945

Previously unrecorded NRZU postmark of Fančikovo with a manuscript date of 27.IV.1945 in ink. Written in Hungarian with a return address of Szima (a small village near Fančikovo). Addressed to Tisza-ásvány (a small village near Čop). Censored.

Illustrated in Reference 2

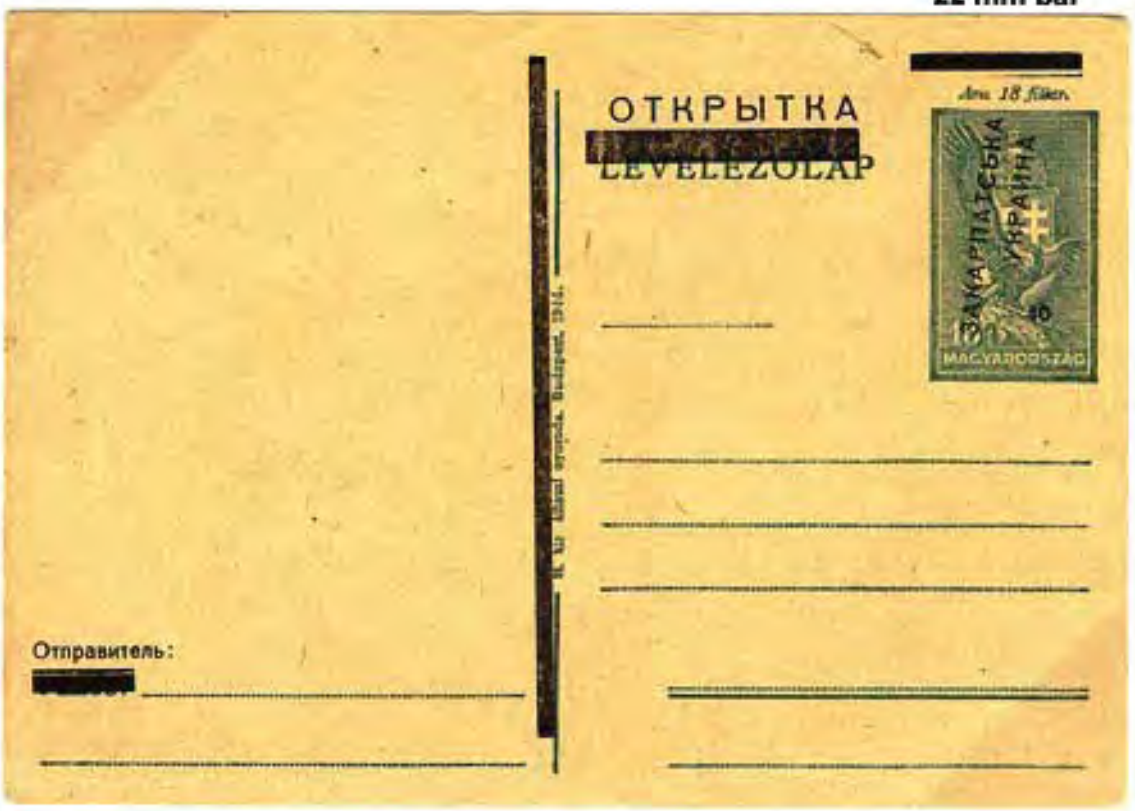
Second known example of the Fančikovo postmark

Russian language (I) overprint at 82° angle, revalued to –.40 (fillér)

18 mm bar

Užhorod local use, undated NRZU postmark

22 mm bar



Revalued to **–.40** (fillér)

Both cards with additional Chust overprint **Č S P** / • 1944 • and 18 mm bar)

Complete 1st and 2nd definitive sets, undated Užhorod NRZU postmark

The Mukačevo overprints are the most complex of the NRZU issues. The first overprinting was in black ink and revalued the cards to 40 fillér. The second overprinting was in shades of red ink and revalued the cards to 1 Pengő. The Mukačevo issue also features the use of both 12 fillér and 18 fillér card stock, as well as double cards (severed prior to overprinting).

Black Overprint

Revalued to **–.40** (fillér) – both cards with additional Chust overprint **Č S P / • 1944 •**

Bottom card with slightly skewed overprint

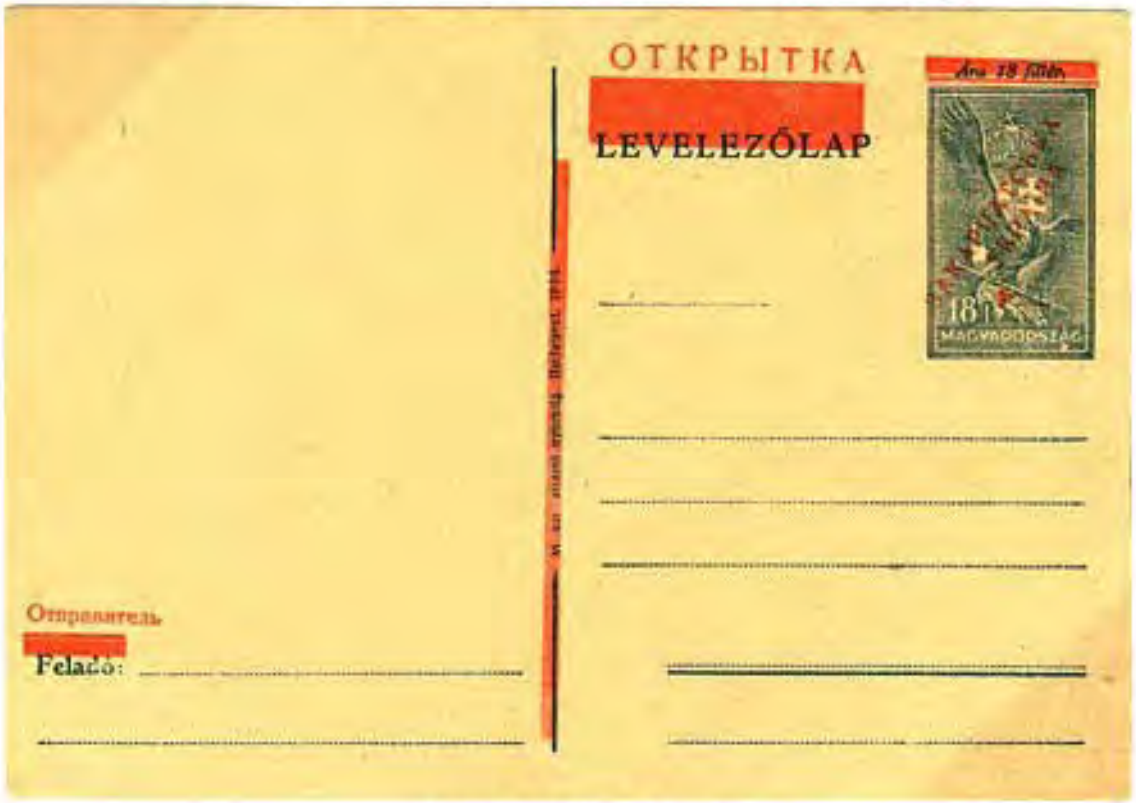
Red Overprint

Red overprint at 58° angle, **12** fillér card revalued to **1.** – Pengő

Reply card with additional Chust overprint **Č S P / · 1944 ·**

Red Overprint

Red overprint at 58° angle, **18** fillér card revalued to **1.** – Pengő



Thick bar (36 × 9 mm)

Thin bar (36 × 4½ mm)
March 27, 1945 – Berehovo to Hajdudorog (Hungary), censored

Red Overprint

Overprinted on separated halves of double cards

Reply card, March 20, 1945 – Berehovo to Hajdudorog (Hungary), censored

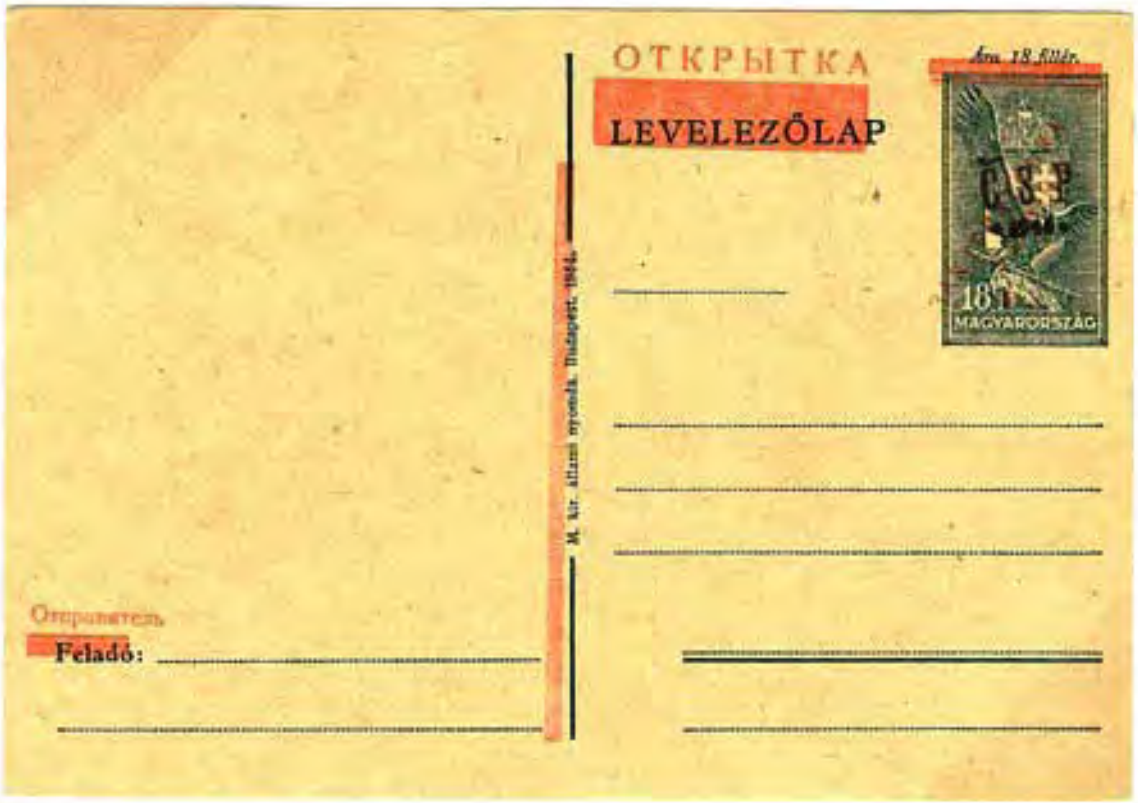
Red Overprint

Message card, damaged **Отправитель** (Sender) overprint at lower left

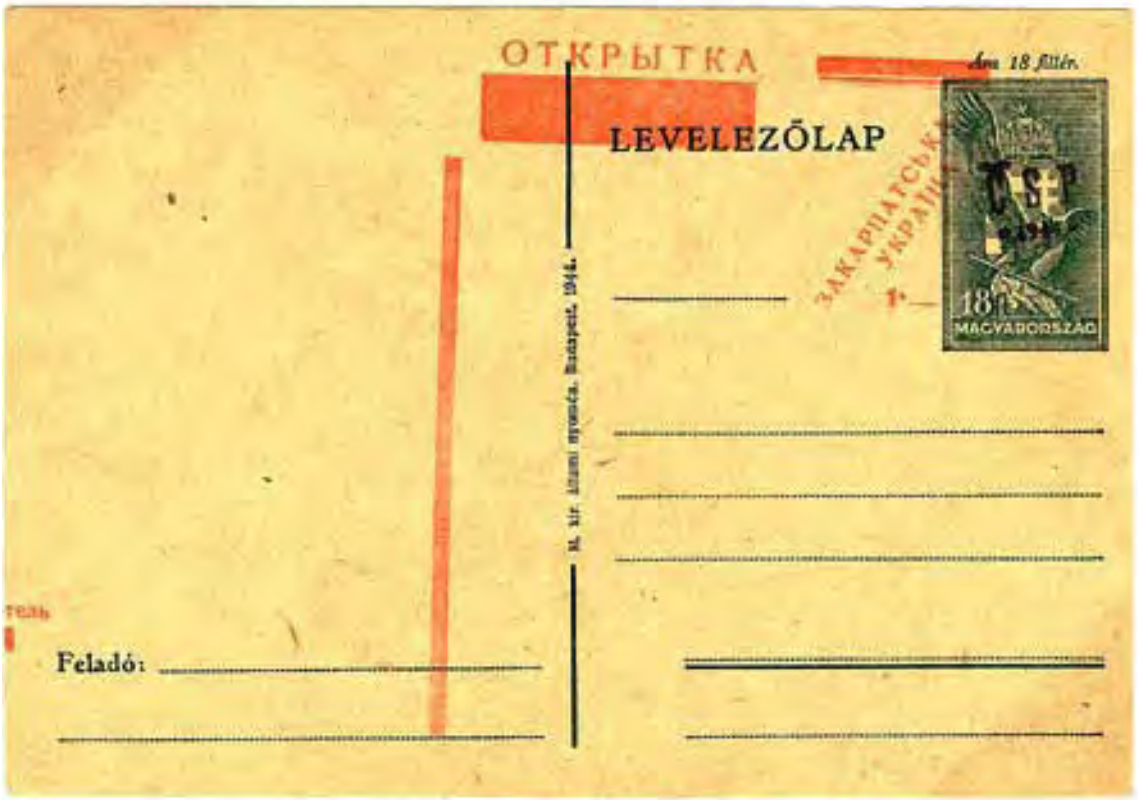
Illustrated in Reference 2

Red Overprint

Overprint shades, with additional Chust overprint Č S P / • 1944 •



Red Overprint Varieties



Shifted Overprint *Illustrated in Reference 2*

Chust overprint double

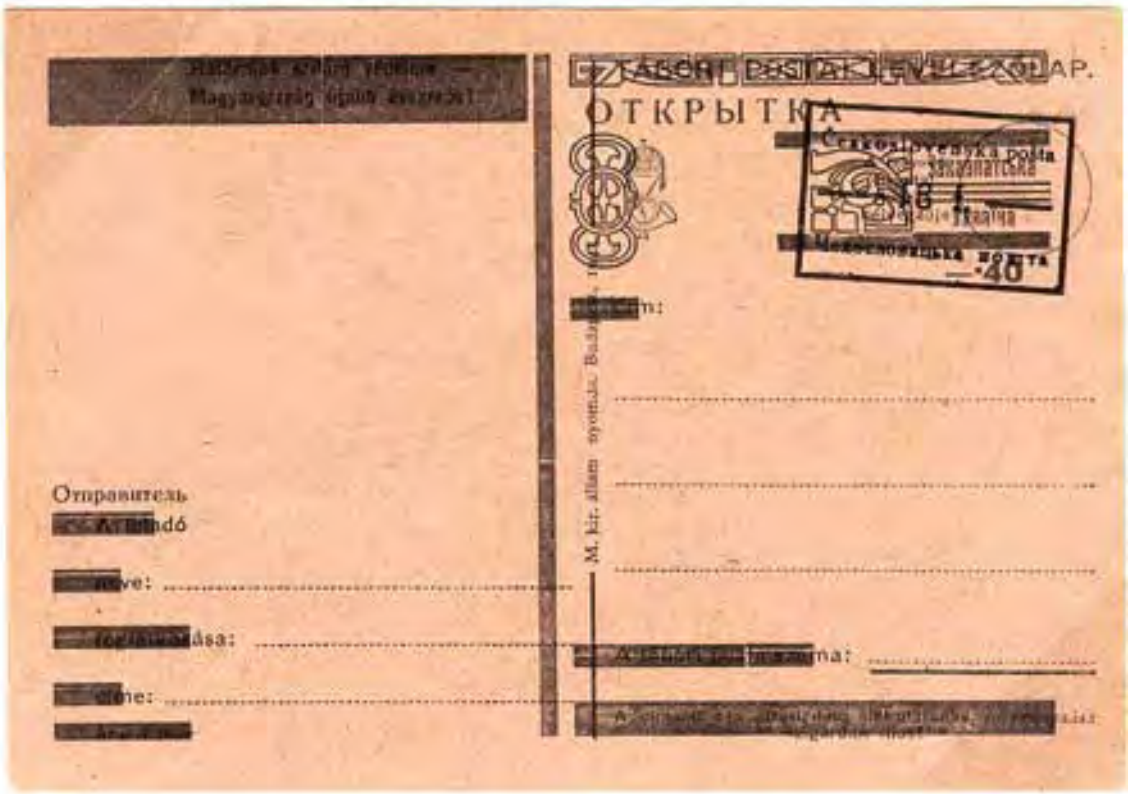
Rose Fieldpost Card (home to front), revalued to **–.40** (fillér)

Type I – Bar 45 × 9 mm

Prior **18 f** two-language boxed hand overprint applied in Chust

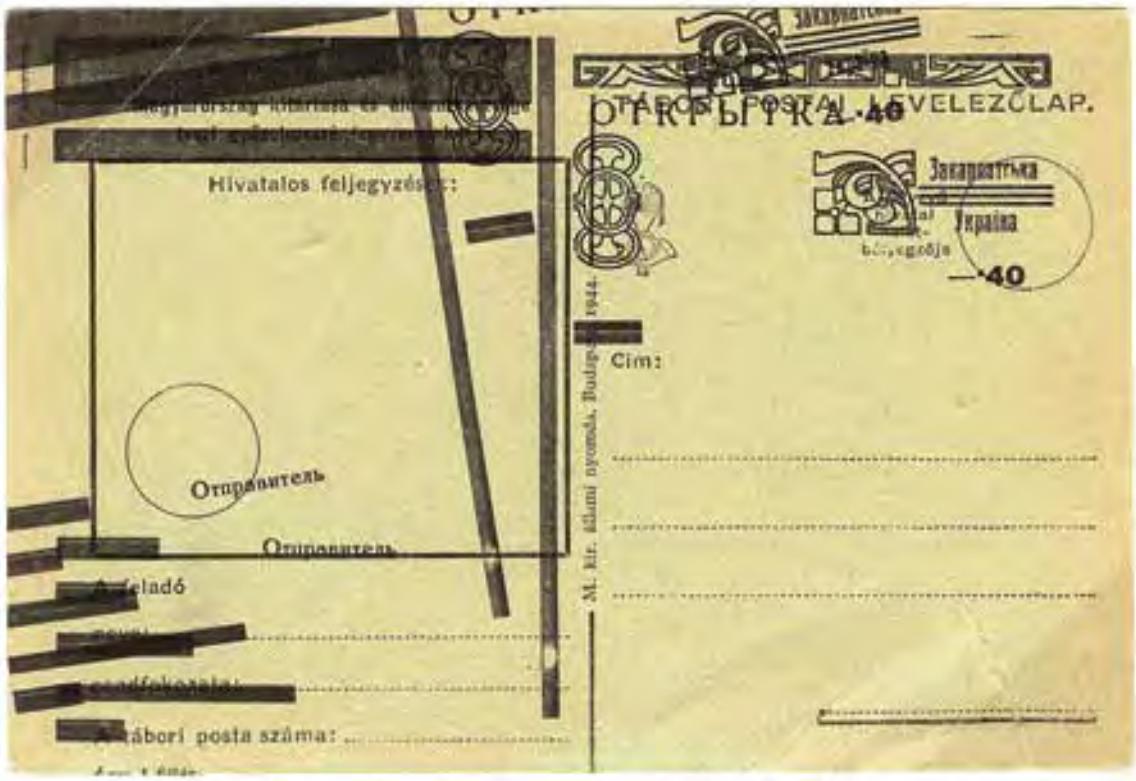
Undated – Činadievo to Upice, Czechoslovakia (uprated for international use)

Type II – Bar 63 × 9 mm



Gray Green Fieldpost Card (front to home), revalued to –.40 (fillér)

Undated – Činadievo to Upice, Czechoslovakia (uprated for international use)



Double overprint, one skewed *Illustrated in Reference 2*

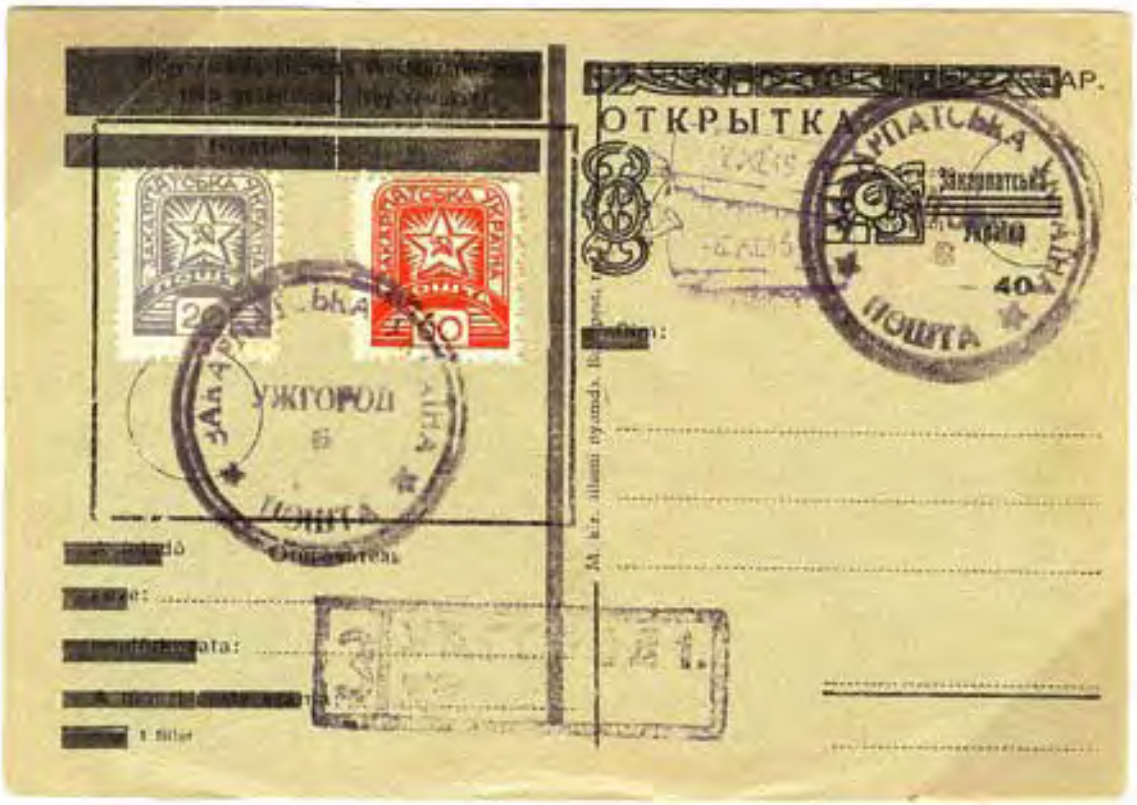
Original research

Ornament Flaws

Normal Stage 1 Stage 2

Missing Decimal Point

Normal No Dot



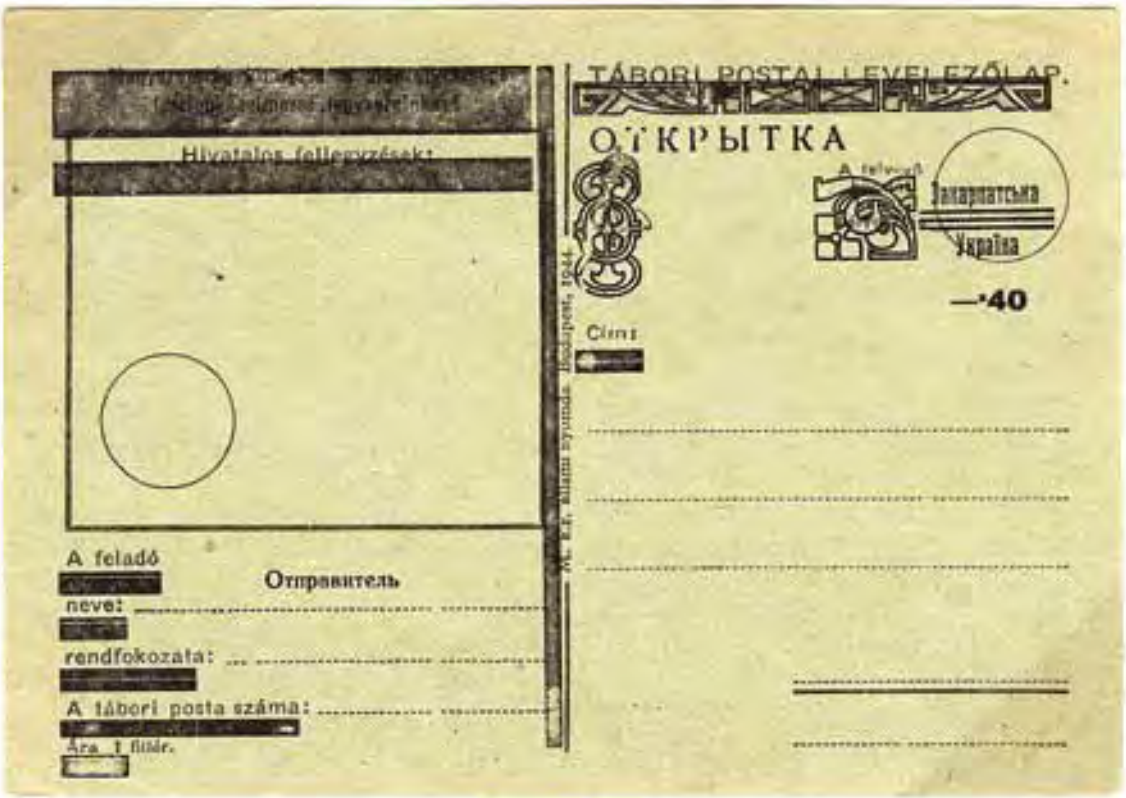
Stage 1 Ornament Flaw together with Missing Decimal Point variety

Užhorod, CTO with two different date stamps – Nov. 7 & Nov.8, 1945

Registry Handstamp

Stage 2 Ornament Flaw

Illustrated in Reference 2



10. Soviet Ukraine

Usage

On Nov. 15, 1945, Carpatho-Ukraine's brief period of postal autonomy came to an end. The territory was incorporated into the Soviet Union as the Zakarpatska Oblast of the Ukrainian S. S. R. Soviet stamps were in use by early December, but usage of Carpatho-Ukraine stamps continued well into January 1946.

Dec.18, 1945 – Užhorod to a village NRZU office

Dec. 19, 1945 – Užhorod to Hluboká

Dec. 24, 1945 – Užhorod
Confirmation of receipt for an insurance payment (still denominated in Pengő and fillér)
Illustrated in Reference 2

Dec. 9, 1945 – Volosianka to Veliký Berezny

Officially, Carpatho-Ukraine stamps ceased to be valid as of Nov. 15, 1945. Unofficially, their used continued sporadically for a few months.

Nov. 27, 1945 – Veliký Berezný to Rostotskaya Pastil'

Jan. 22, 1946 – Poljana to Svaljava (20f Third Issue, 10 and 40f Second issue)

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the annexation of Carpatho-Ukraine, the Soviet Union issued special postal stationery envelopes. Carpatho-Ukraine stamps were added and "cancelled" with a special cachet celebrating the anniversary.

Commemorative envelopes with added stamps of the 2nd (top) & 3rd (bottom) definitive issues; June 29, 1985 special postmark.